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W E stand in the presence of a revolution—not a bloody revolution; America is not given to the spilling of blood—but a silent revolution, whereby America will insist upon recovering in practice those ideals which she has always professed, upon securing a government devoted to the general interests and not the special interests.—Woodrow Wilson in the New Freedom.

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# IMPERIALISTS OF THE WORLD PLAYING WITH FIRE

## "The only army in Europe that can be unquestionably relied upon to obey its Goverments orders is the army of one and a half millions, fast increasing, of the Russian Republic."

"In short, the world is divided now, not into nations, but into two classes, and a world war of undreamed of terrors is on the point of open break. The league of nations, official or unofficial, is the line-up of the capitalist class. If this were not true, if the claims to idealism and "protection of the weak" by the league advocates, were not rank hypocrisy: the Irish republic would have been joyfully welcomed in Paris instead of being insulted and knifed in the back. Egypt would not have been turned over to the Imperialist Rule of Britain; The Chinese Republic would not have been slaughtered for the Japanese emperor . . . And most important of all, if the pretenses of idealistic aims in the League of Nations were not the most hideous duplicity, the Russian Soviet Republic would not have to defend itself from piratical attacks upon its coasts by British fleets, without a declaration of war. There would be no troops of Allied countries now on Russian soil in exactly the status of bandits making war illegally upon the most enlightened republic of the earth.

Butte, Montana. — Speaking to an audience that filled the high school auditorium, an enthusiastic crowd whose applause and cheers compelled the speaker to cease talking dozens of times, Robert Minor, war-correspondent and world-famed cartoonist, told of conditions in Russia in a graphic, convincing manner that held the audience breathless or brought forth cheers.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly for the benefit of the International Workers' Defense league, the body that is defending Thomas Mooney and other class-war and political prisoners.

Stating that the imperialists of the world were playing with fire and that the allied governments must either recognize the soviet government or turn Asia and eastern Europe over to Japan, the speaker supported his assertion by a wealth of interesting material much of which has hitherto been kept from the public by a drastic censorship.

The major portion of Minor's address is given below:

"About three and a half years ago, a lecturel touring the United States in the interest of the proposed league of nations, lectured before the Fabian society in Boston. The lecture turned into a hotly-contested debate, and it fell to me to champian the anti-league point of view. My position was that the first work of a league of nations would be to suppress the rising working working class.

"Was I right?

'Today the league of nations is a reality. It is not now officially in existence and it may never be officially constituted but it is in operation just the same. That is to say, a world league of powers is at present throwing every ounce of strenght that it can successfully mobilize into the accomplishment of a common aim.

"That aim is to exterminate by brute force the Russian labor republic.

"Yes, the league of nations is a reality, and its first job is exactly as predicted, the crushing of the rising proletariat. The "league" (unofficially in existence and seeking legal sanctification) has for its motif the comon interest of capital of all lands, absolntely regardless of pationality. The allied governments have not hesitated to give their moral and military support to the German, the Austrian and the Hungarian propertied-class governments, even in the midst of a technical state of war. The British governments did not hesitate to supply the German barons int the Baltic provinces with machine guns from the British fleet with which to suppress working-class Russians.

'When I crossed the Russian border into Germany after the armistice. I had ocasion to observe that the representatives of the United States government in Berlin were actively engaged in helping the old German ruling class to break the working-class revolution.

"Everywhere throughout the world, the close of the war witnesses the ruling classes of all countries uniting to prevent the working-class from breaking from subjection, confiscating the boldings of capital.

'Floyd Gibbons, famous war correspondendent for the Cricago Tribune, in a racent article frankly states that the allies are now in an unpublished alliance with the German governments to make war upon Russia.

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"If this were not true, if the claims to idealism and "protection of the weak" by the league advocates, were not rank hypocrisy:

"The Irish republic would have been joyfully welcomed in Paris instead of insulted and knifed in the beck;

"Egypt would not have been turned over to imperialistic rule of Britain;

"The Chinese republic would not have been slaughtered for the Japanese emperor;

"The Hungarian worken's republic would not have been overturned and the Archduke Joseph of the old Austrian kaiser's famiyl would no have been even temporarily seated upon a virtual throne of Hungary;

"Belgium would have come out of this war a republic instead of a reactionary kingdom; the same would be true of Italy. England also would have lost a puppet king, and the Japanese empire would have become a democracy;

"And, most important of all, if the pretenses of idealistic aims in the league of nations were not the most hideous duplicity, the Russian Soviet republic would not have to defend itself from piratical attacks upon its coasts by British fleets, without a declaration of war;

"There would be no troops of allied countries on Russian soil in exactly the status of bandits making war illegally upon the most enlightened republic on earth.

"In a newspaper interview I obtained from Nicholas Lenin in Moscow last December he said, "They are not forming a league of nations, but a league of imperialists to strangle the nations." While I differ from Lenin in some of his views, I must say that his words are proving true with a vengeance.

"The ruling classes of the world feel that they are fighting for their very existence; that in spite of all idealistic reasoning, they must fight for the thing upon which their form of culture is built — private property in industry. As a bourgeois supporter of the reaction in Germany said to me: 'I don't know whether those working-class revolutionists are right or not. It is not a question for me. I am a bourgeois, and I must live or die a bourgeois. We must keep the soldiers fighting the working-class as long as the soldiers will fight.'

"That is the theory upon which the great governments of the world are acting now; that is the theory that the league of nations will act upon if the present plans of Wilson Clemenceau and Lloyd George are consumated.

"But I think that it is a mistake, tragic mistake. In the first place, remember that the German that I quoted above said, 'as long as the soldiers will fight.' Well, already the soldiers of all the world begin to show signs of refusing to fight against the Russian soviet armies which they instinctively feel are their own class. French battleships have already hoisted the red flag when ordered to fire on Odessa, a British regiment has mutinied in Archangel, and whenever British conscripts are ordered to sail to Russia they revolt in the port of debarkation. An Italian ruler who would order Italian soldiers to fight Russians would be insane. Sinister reports regarding American army morale in Russia have disturbed the patriotic.

'The only army in Europe that can be unquestionably relied upon to obey its government's orders is the army of one and a half millions, fast increasing of the Russian republic.

"And so, unless the issue is absolutely one of life and death to capitalists of the world, I should say it is not the best policy for them to insist upon pushing the issue of "bolshevism" to settlement by the bloody sword. For my part, I have seen the hell-blast of violence in Berlin; I never want to see another man killed as long as I live, if it can be helped.

"Its it necessary to drive this issue to bloody settlement at the present time by a world-war (and nothing short of world-war has a chance to accomplish it) for the extermination of the Russian soviet republic?

"I think not.

"The Russian Moscow government has made compromises and offered compromises to the outer world in recent months which alter the face of things. Lenine's regime has offered to reassume responsibility for the debts of the past Russian governments. He has offered and earnestly sought peace with the entire world; to call off the struggle against foreign capital so far as Russia is concerned and to reopen trade relatinos with the world; he has ofered the greatest field in the world for sanely modified capitalistic exploitation—Russia—and to preserve order in that country as no other government ever can. He has offered to stop all propaganda from Russian soil for 'bolshevising' other lands.

"Furthermore, the present Russian state has assumed interior modifications of great significance. There is little more there now to frighten the outside conventional world than the government ownership of key-industries. The irony of the situation is that the same condition is fast being approached in England and Germany by the extensive nationalizing of mines, etc., now under serious consideration. And as for America, well—there would be as much reason for a foreign government to invade the United States to put down the Plumb plan for railroad nationalization (with partial workers' control) as there is for the United States to invade Russia to suppress Le-

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# ROBERT MINOR



American Cartoonist and War Correspondent

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# *ROBERT MINOR*

Robert Minor, who has recently returned from Russia and Germany, will recite his experiences at the Woodman Hall, on Wednesday evening. Minor comes with a story that will thrill the hearts of all those who are fortunate enough to secure admission into the Woodman Hall. The crowd is going to be a very large one and we trust that those who intend to be there, will make sure of their seat. If you attend this meeting like you have attended meetings in the past, a half hour late, then you can rest assured you will be making an unnecessary journey.

We first met Minor, in the offices of the old Masses. He had just brought in a cartoon, entitled "Militarism". The cartoon just pictured a soldier thrusting his bayonet through the stomach of a worker. A simple sketch, but with the pen of Minor to sketch it, we witnessed the brutality and the sickening horror of militarism. One could not help but feel a revulsion of feeling come over them, as they pictured the effect of the thrus of bayonet. We could see the young boys writhing in the trenches of Europe, with their guts hanging out. We could see the innocent babe tossed on the end of the bayonet. The cartoon was so realistic, that we fancied we would hear the drip, drip of the blood. Minor talks like he draws. He pulls the curtain of modern shams and conventionalities on one side and shows you capitalism as it is, the great bloodthirsty monster it is.

This sketch is by William Marion Reedy, editor of Reedy's Mirror. the St. Louis weekly. It is a notable moving picture of the life of one of America's hardest-hitting cartoonists:

"Comes here next Wednesday Robert Minor to tell us in speech and picture about the war. Who comes now as Robert left us three years ago as Bob. He is one of the world's greatest cartoonists now. Then he was the drawer of the daily cartoon for the Post-Dispatch. Here he was in society, wearing evening clothes with imperturbable aplomb, dallying with debuntantes, but allways with a big, brushing way that he brought with him from Texas. He drew pictures with a prehistoric man's war club. He smashed them onto the paper,, one might say. His lines had sweep of savagery in them, as if a primordial force were behind them. His men were elementals in strength, even one might say in brutality, and he could put a rough bedraggled pathos in his forms of women. We did not exactly know it then, but his drawings seethed with ill-suppressed revolt. We thought it only revolt against prettiness. When he went to the New York World as cartoonist and put a troglodytish vigor into his pictorial criticisms of the passing show of life, his work challenged comparison with that of Cesare, of the Sun, of Boardman Robinson, of the Tribune. He had not the art background of either, but he had the rough sense of the bare anatomy of human beings tand he put it into his pictures. Soon his powerful work began to overflow into The Masses, a Socialist paper, and took on distinctive purpose; so much so that the World could not stand his utterance in pictures of a growing hatred of the social order. He gave up the big salary the World paid him and drew for the gratification of his own rebellious spirit. He went to Europe to confront tradition and scorned it the more. His pictures became more and more polemic in their proletarianism. They grew in ferocity. Then came the war and Minor went to the front with his note-book. He told the story of the war as he saw it from the Socialist viewpoint, and a terrible story he made it—terrible in the sordidness of it, in its utter absence of glory. War he pictured as murder promoted by upper class machinations for the immolation of the many and the enslavement of the survivors. He was crueler than war in his truthfulness. He made war subterhuman and the pity he put into his pictures became but an aspect of hatred for the society that produced war. He drew his pictures as if in black venous blood. He was at the front and behind the scenes in France, in Belgium, in Germany, where he was arrested. He took of war's fiendishness to fight war, and Socialism and Anarchism even hailed him as their interpreter. War, he seemed to say, is horrible, but it hints the way to end a system of which war is a product. His men hinted in their crude power that the power would break its shackles and crush the social order. He drew titanic covers for Emma Goldman's Mother Earth. He presided at anarchist meetings and gave picture talks in favor of the Revolution. His outlaw art was a pictorial call to battle. He kept his fine, wild, but firm, line and his big, burly smudges for his men, and his women he gave a broken, bent, blunted beauty of suffering. Minor became the art-spokesman of humanity, ground into the sludge of mud and blood, but there Antaeus-like gathering strength finally to wreck and reshape civilization. It is this message he preaches in word and picture on the Socialist circuit. He speaks like he draws, starkly, yet with a sense of form, restraining, yet intensifying force; explosive; ruining. His version of war is that hell is paradisaical beside it, and then he says that present society even in peace is but a shamble-brothel, verminous and vile with all cruelty. Wednesday evening, he will tell us of his harted for the hate that has driven love out of social relations. He will not wear those evening clothes, which once he wore when an embryo society man in our swell set. He show us the Dance of Death in Europe will not tango as he did. He will and operate wth scalpel tongue and pencil upon the corpus vile of the body politic here. And under his rage we shall sense the flowing of the tears of all the stricken and hear the still, small music of humanity tending to an ultimate crescendo and diapasonic outburst of the "Ca ira". Minor is now a major prophet of the coming social sataclysm. He sees red—sunset at once and sunrise of the old order and of the new."

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Manchester, England. — To bring forcibly to the attention of the British people the terrible sufferings sustained by the children of Europe as a result of the war, the "Manchester Guardian" in its issue of September 18 reproduced a number of reports of eye-witnesses and investigators who have been in Germany, Poland, Austria, and Hungary. These stories, the editor of the "Guardian" assures his readers, are "all authenticated and true, describing this hideous massacre of the innocents.'

The tenor of these reports is well epitomized in the editorial "lead" which serves as an introduction. Says the editor:

"Central Europe just now is a region of death. Not death that is the tranquil, sunset end of old people of the splendid sacrifice of the heroes in battle. Not death that has anything beautiful or dignified or purposeful about it; only an ugly tearing away of life from little hands too feeble and hopeless to resist. All over Central Europe children are dying. Millions of baby lives are being thrown away; tossed out of existence as one tosses away a handful of plucked daisies."


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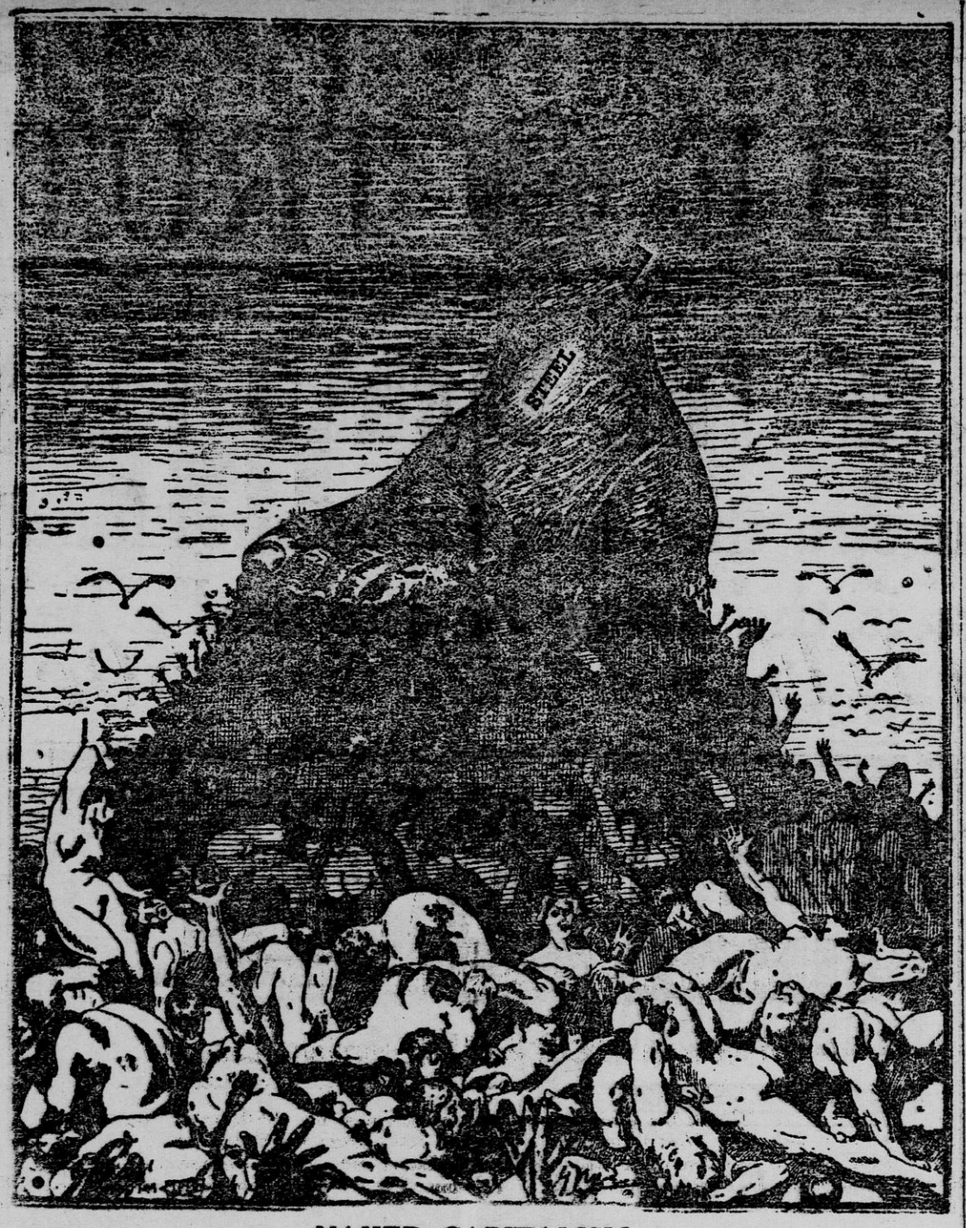
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# STEEL TRUST LOSING, PLAYS ITS LAST CARD

By DOROTHY WALTON.

With the advent of the militia in Gary and Indiana Harbor the last card of the steel officials has been played.

They worked long and hard to have their plants surrounded by machine guns to protect the poor dear men who wanted to return to work. The militia came and the militia stayed. The machine guns are mounted. Soldiers police the streets with bayonets and rifles. And still there aren't any poor dear men to go back to work.

The card is played. The steel strikers individually and collectively offer a vote of thanks, for the coming of the soldiers has proved a blessing which the Steel Trust little intended to bestow upon the "enemy."

"Judge" Gary misjudged again. No doubt he did not realize that five-eights of the soldiers called to "his" city carry union cards in their pockets. No doubt he did not realize that the army officials concerned in keeping law and order in Gary and Indiana Harbor are not particularly interested in steel or its production. Their main idea is to preserve the peace. Their judgement is impartial.


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**Here's the Dope, "Judge"**

Perhaps a little advice to you, Mr. Gary, might not be amiss here. The next time you figure on an army breaking a strike for you it would be well to see that the army officers are heavily endowed with steel stocks. Furthermore, the presence of union men in the army is a dangerous as well as a thoroughly "un-American" policy. It would be wise to pass a bill as soon as possible before the next strike occurs to forbid the uniform to anyone who disgraces it by joining or belonging to a union. You may find that if you neglect these words of wisdom when you want to start another war there will be a strike of soldiers refusing to wear steel helmets made in nonunion plants.

Not finding anything else to occupy them, the steel official have been conducting a reign of terror on the so-called "reds" throughout Gary and Indiana Harbor. A "red" seems to be anyone who happens to know more about economics, sociology and politics than is taught in the Gary schools. With the aid of the military, homes have been entered, literature confiscated, people arrested for possessing collections of books which anyone can read at the Public Library and finally out and out stealing of private possessions has been committed, which have nothing to do with politics, sociology or economics.

Threats of deportation have been made which are altogether unconstitutional. It has been stated in the press that the citizenship of all "reds" was to be cancelled, and that all foreigners not sufficiently conservative would be sent to the country from which they came. The department of justice recently announced that the deportation of Russians could not at the present time take place, as no government has as yet been officially recognized in Russia. The cancellation of citizenship is not constitutional.

**Deputy Sheriff Ocutlaws.**

Deputies have become so lawless in Indiana Harbor that General Smith, Friday, October 10, ordered Sheriff Barnes to remove the badges from every deputy. Cases of deputies entering homes on the strength of their little tin stars and attempting to violate women have horrified the entire town. A woman was so frightened by a deputy entering her home and threatening her and her husband that she dropped the baby. Its face was badly cut up. The case was in court October 10.

During the war, labor was loyal — labor was 100 per cent "American".

All the newspapers proclaimed it. That was while labor was doing what the bosses wanted it to do. Now that the war is over and labor has come back to ask for the democracy it fought for it suddenly discovers that it isn't "American' any longer. It is all foreign. The kept press says so And of course the kept press ought to know. It was "foreigners" who started the steel strike and only "foreigners" who are members of unions. Loyal "Americans" are all working. It puzzles us to know how to explain the 300 men in khaki who marched down Gary's street last Monday wearing with pride badges pinned across their uniforms. Were they foreigners, too? Men who had spilled their blood for American democracy. Men who not an example!

had fought in the St. Mihiel and the Argonne offensive. It was Mayor Hodges who said those 300 men disgraced their uniforms when they marched for the cause of democracy at home.

There is not a striker today who is not a true American. To be an American is not a matter of name, of birth, of blood. Every striker is an American in spirit because he is demanding freedom and democracy. Those who are un-American are the steel bosses and the scabs. The steel bosses are cohorts of the German Kaiser and the scabs are their fearsome slaves.

**INDIA.**
**More "Democracy" Comes to Light.**

London.—The latest figures on the arrests and deportations in the recent events in the Puniab have just been published by "India," London,, in its September 19 issue. The report states that in the course of a discussion in the Viceroy's Council it was announced that 852 persons were tried, 108 sentenced to death, 265 transported for life (to Andaman Islands, the Siberia of India), 104 sentenced to prison terms over three years, 18 executed, 488 sentences reduced, 322 forfeitures remitted, and 356 new forfeitures imposed.

The same issue of "India" carries the following interesting item:

"Martial Law Notice No. 2, issued by the Area Office at Lyallour, runs as follows:

"'Whereas—certain inhabitants of the Lyallour district are habitually exhibiting a lack of respect for the Gazetted Europeans or Civil or Military officers of His Majesty's Service, thereby failing to maintain the dignity of the Government, I hereby order that the inhabitants of the district shall accord to all such officers whenever met the salutation usually accorded to Indian gentlemen of high position — that is to say, persons riding on animals or on wheeled conveyances will alight, persons carrying open and raised umbrellas shall lower them, and all persons shall salute or 'salaam' with the hand.

"'Signed (Lieut.-Col.)'"

This order is one of the many passed throughout the Puniab, to command "respect and dignity" for the British rulers of India

**SCOTLAND.**
**A. F. of L. a Warning to Scotch Labor.**

Glasgow.—That the American Federation of Labor is a warning rather than an example to Scottish labor, is the impression gained, anew by the delegates who attended the recent British Trades Union Congress at Glasgow. Their impression are well summed up by Tom Dickson in the "Forward" when he says:

"Fraternal Delegate J. J. Hynes, of the American Federation of Labor, spent forty minutes in showing us if it were necessary —that the A. F. of L. has a great deal to learn. It is even opposed to a political labor party. I take it that the American Federation of Labor, under the divine guidance of Samuel Gompers, is mightily concerned about securing another few grains of rice for the slave, but it has no business with securing the freedom of the slave. To British Labor the A. F. of L. is a warning,

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# COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY

## UNITY RESOLUTION

Adopted by UNANIMOUS vote of the Communist Labor Party Convention.

"Be it resolved, that the Communist Labor Party extends a standing invitation to the Communist Party to meet, on a basis of equality, in Unity Conference, and

"That we hereby instruct our National Officials and Committees to accept every such invitation from the Communist Party, or from any other revolutionary workingclass organization."

This is the position of the Communist Labor Party on the question of Unity. Obedient to this instruction the N. E. C. of the Communist Labor Party has extended official invitation for Unity Conference.

**Members of the Communist Party—Compel your officials to answer**

### WORKERS WANTED

The Communist Labor Party needs immediately the services of hundreds of Party workers. It aims as nearly as possible to utilize for our Cause the talents of EVERY Party member.

No matter what you are doing now, if you are willing to quit working for capitalism and to go to work for Communism, write to the National Office of the C. L. P. at once.

Tell what you are willing and able to do. If you've had experience as lecturer, organizer, salesman or canvasser, editor or writer, stenographer, office worker, book keeper, collector, manager or teacher especially with some organization connected with the revolutionary movement, specify the nature of it. You need not hesitate about this, as your letter will be kept confidential.

Address:—Organization Department, Communist Labor Party, 3207 Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

### A NEW PAPER

The Communist Labor Party is issuing an organization paper, called "Communist Labor Party News". It is to devote itself entirely to that Party's activities, to keep the membership informed and in constant touch with the Party's work so that they can function intelligently.

The subscription price is covered in the dues, and the plan is to mail the paper direct to each member every week, as soon as possible. For the time being, while the membership roll is being made up, it is being sent in bundles to the Local and Branch Secretaries for distribution to the membership. Secretaries who do not receive it should send their addresses to the National Office, 3207 Clarke Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

### AN INVITATION

Every Branch, Local, County, State or Federation of the old Socialist Party, the Communist Party or the Socialist Labor Party, endorsing the platform and program of the Communist Labor Party, is invited to affiliate with this Party AS AN ORGANIZATION. No red tape about it. Simply have the officers of the organization fill in the affiliation blank printed below and mail it to the Communist Labor Party at once.

Should a majority of the organization oppose this, then all those members that endorse the principles of Communist Socialism should immediately organize themselves into a sub division of the Communist Labor Party and apply for a new charter or join as members at large.

Send your application to your Communist Labor Party State Office. If you do not know who the Communist Labor Party State Secretary is, then address National Office, **Communist Labor Party, 3207 Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.**

Please decide definitly at your next meeting. Let's organize AT ONCE for the great task of rallying America's thirty million wage workers to the banners of International Communism.

### AFFILIATION CERTIFICATE

Communist Labor Party, Date.....

Comrades:—

This certifies that we endorse the Platform of the Communist Labor Party, will abide by its constitution, and hereby apply for charter in that Party. The meeting at which affiliation was decided upon was held (date) ..... We desire charte to be so dated

Name of Organization .....

Number of members .....

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Signatures of Secretary and other officials or Executive Committee:

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### European Countries

The result of the conventions held in Chicago have been received in the European countries and despited the protests of the Communist Party, the Communist Labor Party is receiving the approval of the Left Wing organizations in the various countries.

### Speaking Engagements

The editor of Truth will accept a limited number of speaking engagements, commencing with the first Sunday in November. **Terms out-of-pocket expenses.**

**Subscribe for the TRUTH!**

### State Convention November 2nd 1919

The first Sunday in November, a State Convention of the Communist Labor Uarty will be held in Duluth. All locals desiring to send delegates can do so. Each local will be allowed one member for every fifty or part of fifty members. At your next meeting elect your delegate Send your ...ate with definite instructions regarding joining the Communist Labor Party. In the next few days a call will be sent out to each and every local in the State. Address all communications to **Jack Carney, Rex Hotel, Duluth, Minn.**

## THANK YOU

We desire to thank the Superior Scandinavian Local for their Landsome donation of $25.00 to TRUTH.

Just to make as feel a little happier, why not join hands with the Duluth Scandinavian Local and join the Communist Labor Party? — Editor.

## DO NOT BE MISLED

The National Secretary of the Communist Party is sending out a statement to locals throughout the State of Minnesota. We trust that secretaries of these locals will not be misled by the exaggeralties of the National Secretary of the Communist Party.

In the first place, they state that they have 5000 members of Local Greater New York. If they will knock off one of the oughts they will be a little nearer the mark and it is our good nature that grants them that number of members. If they will also state the truth about the situation in Milwaukee, we will find that a few individuals have joined the Communist Party. We wish that it were true that the rank and file of the Socialist Party of Milwaukee had gone with the Communist Party. It sounds too good to be true! Further they state that the Left Wing organization of Connecticut has gone over to the Communist Party. We beg to draw the attention of the delegates to the recent State Convention, to the remarks made by Comrade Ruthenberg. If a small organization joins the Communist Labor Party it is smaller, but if the same organization joins the Communist Party, by some unseen process, it magnifies itself a thousand times. What childishness on the part of the Communist Party, to attempt to fool comrades by such exaggerations!

There is nothing to be gained by exaggerating things. You may fool comrades for the time being. Who is going to assume the responsibility for such exaggerations, when the time for action comes? Will it be the same irresponsible group that assumed the responsibility for the Left Wing Conference?

The Communist Labor Party in Minnesota has up to date about 750 members in its organization. The first Sunday in November we will call a State Convention and perfect our State organization. The members who have joined the C. L. P. of Minnesota are the same members that have kept the State Office of the Socialist Party of Minnesota going. We trust the eleven hundred (?) members of the Communist Party will shew as good a record as the present membership of the Communist Labor Party shewed during its many years in the Socialist Party of Minnesota.

Comrade Ruthenberg, is endeavoring to mislead the members of the Minnesota movement astray by a statement of falsehoods. He stated that the National Secretary of the Communist Labor Party was hiding behind capitalist laws in order to get his program across. Yet the truth of the whole matter is that it was the National Secretary of the Communist Party that acted as a coward and refused to publish his platform in the paper he was editing, because he was afraid of arrest. At the time the statement was made by Ruthenberg, we did not have positive proof that Ruthenberg was either right or wrong, but after investigating Ruthenberg's statement, we found the facts as we have stated.

We would like to have had the State Organization of Minnesota go with us, but we refused to stoop to the gutter in order to secure temporary success. We have too great a faith in the mass of the workers. The members of the Socialist Party of Minnesota have made their choice, 1100 have gone with the Communist Party and 750 have gone with the C. L. P. and the remainder have either remained neutral or gone with the S. P. There will be two organizations in the State, each professing a belief in the principles of the Third International. For a time they will work apart, but there is going to be unity. So not us let make false statements but go ahead with our work so that when unity comes about it will find us prepared.

## AN UNLIMITED NERVE

Adolph Germer, former socialist, sends me a letter bewailing the fact that in the factional fight between the Right and the Left of the Socialist Party has plunged into debt to the tune of $5.000, and then asks me to do my bit toward meeting this obligation. His effrontery is egregious.

If the old National Executive Committee had made any prefense of fair play during the recent controversy of tactics, it might possibly be entitled to some sympathy. But when a Committee retains office when another has legally been elected in its place; when it arbitrarily and dictatorially suspends certain federations for no other crime than that of participating in the election of another committee; when it resorts to the cheap wardhealer's method of packing a convention with illegally-elected delegates; when, in pursuance of its tyrannical tactics, it cravenly calls on the police — the sycophantic hirelings of capitalism—to eject delegates legally elected simply because they consider them obstructionists.—when they perpetrate these infamies, then sane socialists can lend them assistance of no kind.

The offensive officialdom of the old corrupt Socialist Party is responsible for the bitterness involved in the factional disnute tahat has arisen. The Left Wing entered the fight originally without bitterness. It states in strong terms its desire to win the party for revolutionary socialism, and announced its determination to criticize pitilessly the leaders of the party in order to dramatize the weaklenesses of the tactics then existing. It stated frankly that if the party could not be captured for revolutionary socialism by propaganda wihin the organization a split would inevitably ocur. The Left waged its fight openly and legally. And when by persistent preaching the Left not only threatened to carry the membership, but actually elected a new National Executive Committee committed to Left Wing tactics by an overwhelming maiority, the old committee began its program of sordid sabotage. Had it not been for the obstacles placed in the path of the Left Wing maiority by the party bureaucracy, the Left would have triumphed peacefully and the movement would have been ready long before this for harmonious and efficient propaganda. As it is we of the Left have been forced by circumstances to waste our time paltering with politicians.

The old Socialist Party got itself into debt through its own crookedness and obduracy. Those members who have sunk to such moral depth that they feel themselves obliged to help liquidate the indebtedness incurred by this clique of crooks are welcome to the job. We of the new Communist Labor Party are reserving our funds to help build a party of revolutionary socialism. As far as we are concerned the Socialist Party has only a historical significance.

Alanson Sessions.
—Workers World.

## Resolution Of German Communists Of Chicago

A mass convensation of former members of the Socialist Party who belonged to the Germans Federation, was held in Chicago recently. This convention passed the following resolution:

'Be it resolved, by the convention of members belonging to the German Federation, which met in Heidelberg Hall, Chicago, on September 30th, that the affiliated branches be instructed to recognize the national committee elected in New York and shall immediately communicate with this committee relative to dues stamps purchases and organization work. (The national committee referred to is that which voted 41 to 8 to affiliate with the Communist Labor Party.—Ed.)

"Adopting this resolution however does not mean that this meeting in any way agrees to the split in the communist ranks, but asks all branches, state organization of the Communist Labor Party, as well as its officers to do all in their powers to bring about unity between the two communist parties.

"Be it further resolved, that this resolution be sent immediately to the national committee of the Communist Labor Party and the national committee of the Communist Party so as to demand action tending to solve the unity question.

JOS. FALKNER, Secretary,
German Federation of Chicago.

## ITALY'S SOLIDARITY WITH HUNGARIAN SOVIETS

### RESOLUTION OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY

"The committee of the talian Socialist Party expresses its deepest indignation at the strangling of the Hungarian Communist Republic by the Entente nations—Italy included — whose victory was to have given the right of free self-determination to all peoples, but which now puts a Hapsburg back on the throne of Hungary.

"The fall of the Hungarian Communist Government is due, not only to their accomplices, the Rumanian armies, but to the inhuman blockade carried on by the Entente nations, who condemn to the pangs of hunger every nation which strives to free itself from capitalist exploitation. The Entente nations did not scruple to make use of the most brutal and repulsive methods of carrying on the struggles, as for example when they refused to send medicines to the civil population of Hungary. The fall of the Hungarian Soviet was also rendered possible by lack of effective action on the part of the internatiinnal proletariat, which, in certan counters, owing to the lukewarm policy and lack of faith of its leaders, could not and would not make its voice heard, so as to force the bourgeois government to respect the first actual realisation of Socialism.

"The committee greets with intense affection the Communist comrades of the fallen Government of Buda Pest. It is certain that the struggles and sacrifices of the advanced guard of the proletariat will not fail to bear fruit, even if, for the time being, they are unsuccessful. It is convinced that each battle fought, each victory gained, each defeat suffered by the proletariat of a single country is simply a detail, a phase, a single aspect of the immense struggle which the world proletariat is waging against capitalist exploitation." — Avanti! August 23rd.

### RUMANIA.
### Climbing the Loaded Socialist Band Wagon.

London.—Now that Socialism is sweeping the world, and, as far as Europe is concerned, is becoming quite the vogue, even kinglets and princelings appear anxious to embrace the faith.

From Rumania comes the report via the Exchange Telegraph Company that:

"Prince Charles, the eldest son of the king of Rumania (who renounced his rights on his marriage) has instigated a strong socialist agitation among the soldiers at the front. It is expected that the prince will be put forward as a candidate for election in the Rumanian Parliament in the socialist interest next month."

### Due Stamps.

Each local secretary will pay twenty five cents for each stamp and receive fifty cents for same from the members. With the extra twenty five cents the locals will be able to engage in more propaganda. For each new member an initation fee of $1.00 will be charged. 25c going to the National office and twenty five cents to the State Office and the remaining fifty cents will be retained by the local.

The "red-badge" of Universal Brotherhood lifted before a fellow's face will quickly ascertain wither he be a man or a bull.

It seems as impossible for a baby to carry in its tiny hands the seeds that are to become a mighty forest as for our hairy ancestors who swung from limb to limb of that forest to carry in their organism (in miniature) a world's civilization.

N. C. H.

## STATEMENT BY REED AND GITLOW

We believe that the time has come to put an end to the ceaseless bickering which has lasted for six months between the Right Wing and the Left Wing in the Party, and which bids fair to be continued between the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party. It is now time to go to work.

**Our Platform and Program are our best appeal to the membership. Upon them we stand. According to their provisions we intend now to go to work.**

To the Communist Party we have but one thing to say:

Four times at Chicago we invited your Convention to unite with us on an equal basis. At present a standing invitation has been issued to the Communist Party to unite with us on a basis of equality at any time, and our National officers have been instructed to cooperate with the Communist Party to this end whenever the Communist Party manifests a desire for unity. In the meanwhile, we submit our Party declarations to the membership for careful examination. We challenge any member of the Communist Party to find therein any deviation from the principles of Communism. **We challenge the Communist Party to produce a platform and program that shall be more faithful to the principles laid down in the Manifesto of the Third International, and in particular, one more adapted to the conditions of this country.**

The vast bulk of the Party membership, we are sure, from whatever part of the country it may come, is with us. Our Convention, in which there were regularly elected delegates from 22 states—including the solid West—proves that the revolutionary rank and life of the old Socialist movement in this country has lined up with the Communist Labor Party.

Obeying the instructions of the National Left Wing Conference, obeying the evident will of the great majority of the rank-and-file, convinced that the greater part of the Socialist membership would be represented at the Emergency National Convention, we went there. And events proved that we were right.

In our Party, according to the clear mandate of the rank-and-file, Federation autonomy has been abolished. In the Communist Party it still exists, in spite of the pretense that it has been abolished. No foreign language Branch can belong to the Communist Party unless it is a member of its Federation. **In our Party there is no compromise with any inconsistent group. In the Communist Party there are innumerable political deals between the incongruous elements which make it up.**

(Signed) JOHN REED,
BENJAMIN GITLOW.

## THE COMMUNIST PARTY of MEXICO

By Geo. Barreda,
International Secretary

The Communist Party of Mexico is gaining ground rapidly and Radical groups in all parts of the country that are opposed to the leadership of Luis N. Morones, agent of Samuel Gompers, in the Mexican Socialist Party, are rallying to its support.

The Mexico City Local organized a couple of weeks ago with over 40 members and now has a number of applicants for membershp to be passed upon. The local is begining a systematic and constructive work of real importance. At present a big share of each meeting is given over to study, reading and discussion of some standard book on Communism. Lenine's "Soviets at Work" has been read and discussed with interest and the local is now beginning the study of "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific" by Engels. Later it will take up "Capital" by Marx and make an exhaustive study of it. The most important thing just now is to prepare the Mexican workers for the responsibilities of the future and this is what we are trying to do. We try to make every meeting a step further in the direction of more education and more class-consiousness. We know that the workers today would not be able to take over industry but we want to get them ready for it as soon as possible for their opportunity may come sooner than they expect. Constantly we lay strees on the importance of having them familarize themselves with conditions in their industries. The members of the Mexico City Local include railroad men (of whom I am one), telegraph operators, printers, manual laborers and skilled and unskilled workers in various lines. Meetings are held every Friday enening at No. 5 Independencia Ave. and are conducted partly in English and partly in Spanish. Most of the members can speak both languages.

J. C. Parker, National Committeeman the state of Tamaulipas, reports encouraging activity there, particularly in Tampico. Communist organizers in Monterrey, Veracruz and other cities also declare the workers are enthusiastically in favor of the Communist movement.

The party will soon have its organ in Spanish. NUEVA CIVILIZATION, the Spnish edition of GALE'S will change its name to EL COMUNISTA, and be published and sustained by the party with Comrade Gale as editor and manager. He will be assisted by an editorial board af several Mexican comrades.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Communist Party, Geo. Barreda was elected International Secretary to succeed Adolfo Sentibanez who resigned. Comrade Santibanez remains a member of the Executive Committee but his law practice and other duties make it impossible for him to attend to the duties of International Secretary. Comrade Barreda resigned as Treasurer to become International Secretary and Comrade C. F. Tabler, another member of the Executive Committee, was elected Treasurer. Comrade Enrique H. Arce remains National Secretary, as before. He has been for 9 years and enjoys the confidence of thousands of workers thruout the country.

Delegates to the Third International at Moscow will be elected soon by the Executive Committee, subject to the approval or rejection of the party as a whole.

The "Centro Radical Femenino" of Guadalajara has just elected the following officers, according to the report made to Communist Party headquarters:

General Secretary, Miss Ana B. Romero.

Recording Secretary, Miss Luz Gonzalez.

Secretary of the Interior, Mrs. Eufrocine F. de Saucedo.

Secretary of the Exterior, Mrs. Felipa Chaverin de Gil.

Treasurer, Miss M. Guadalupe Padilla.

Librarian, Mrs. D. S. Vda. de Rojas.

The "Centro" is an organization of Guadalajara women who have been doing excellent Radical propaganda work for several years, being particularly active in fighting Catholicism.

The Radical movement in Mexico is not new but there has been no serious attempt to crystallize it and make it genuinely efficient until lately. The country contains many labor groups, each distinct and separate,and most of them influenced or controlled by craft union ideas which have been assiduously taught by agents of the American Federation of Labor.

It will take some time to put such a disconnected movement n definite shape, but we feel confident that with the Communist Party, we can do it, and we are fortunate in having sincere and enthusiastic memmers.

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nin's nationalization of key-industries.

"I don't think that the financial classes of America can at present overcome their instinct to blindly smash at the labor republic of Russia; but I think that they will gradually learn that such is an insane policy. I think that they will be taught to see it that way by the increasing uproar in the ranks of labor against what the working man's mind cannot conceive as being anything but the greatest crime of the centuries—a mad and mercenary war upon the Russian republic."

To prepare you for being sent to Asia to fight and die in this winter's snow, the first that is done is to tell false stories of the Russian republic, and some good men are led to believe these stories themselves. It is often advanced as any argument that the Russian government is a tyranny of 34 men. It seems to me that is 34 times as many men as ruled the United States during this war. The argument that the Russian soviet government is a tyranny is a hypocritical one. The American ambassador, who asks that American boys be sent to Russia to put down what he calls tyranny, bowed and scraped before the czar and did not quit his court because the Russian government was not democratic. Nor did these advocates of democracy to be forced upon Russian ask us to send soldiers to Tokio to destroy the blackest autocracy on earth and to make the Japanese emperor accept democracy.

No, there is but one reason for the invasion of Russia and that is to punish labor for confiscation of capital. It is a frantic desire to wipe out all traces of the Russia labor republic lest the workers of the rest of the world should see and learn what happened there and profit by it.

To accomplish this end the world is flooded with outrageous lies about Russia. As is always the case, this propaganda takes the form of stories of brutalizing women. It is most commonly said that the Russian have nationalized women. I did not take this story resirously; I thought it was a joke—a hideous one—until I got to Paris and found that concourse of queer men at the peace conference taking it quite seriously in their actions, whether sincerely or not. So I will tell you the truth about the matter. There are only two laws in Russia that deal with women at all. There is not even a woman suffrage law, because the Russians take it for granted that women should vote on absolute equality with men, the only laws existing in Russia on the subject of women are these: That a mother of young children receives more food than anyone else, and that a woman who expects to become a mother is given free hospital attendance, special food allowance and three months of rest preceding the birth of her child she is paid her full wages from the treasury of the state.

They say that there is disorder in Russia. I tell you that there is more order in Moscow than there is in Chicaga. A man or woman of any class is as safe on the streets of Petrograd at 3 a. m. as the is in New York city —no, I would say he is very much safer. There is complete order throughout the entire territory controlled by the soviets, in fact, too much order to suit my artistic temperament.

I used to sit on the benches in Theater Square, Moscow and read the London papers in which acounts were given of how the Chinese mercenary armies was holding Theater Square with artillery against the starving white population. I was present upon that square during the period in which these battles were said to occur and I knew nothing of them; the only excitement I found upon those quiet benches was in the efort to read these outrageous eight syllale words in Chinese newspapers. The only Chinese mercenaries that are fighting against the Bolsheviks are hired in the interest of American British, French and Japanese capital.

But there was some terror in Russia. It was called the red terror.

Four thousand five hundred people were killed by the red terror at the hands of the bolshevik government. Upon that fact, which was published in the bolsheviks newspapers, are based stories in the interest of intervention. But there was one little item omitted in all of the terror stories and that was the item of 76,000 men, women and children that were murdered in cold blood and about that you never heard a word. The forty-five hundred killed by the red terror were killed by the red terror were killed merely in self-defense against the unheart of brutality of the white terror about which not a single word was allowed to reach you by the censors. I wrote many stories about these and mailed them to American newspapers, but they lie in the waste basket of the British censor. When a thousand men, women and boys were lined up before a stone wall by the white guard and shot to death this is called "restoring order". When working men kill a few persons of the upper classes it is called "terror." I am going to tell you, more about the terror later on.

There was no order during Kerensky's regime. Early in the first of the revolution the working men's council of Petrograd passed a resolution to the effect that soldiers should not salute their officers. As Kerensky told me later on in Paris with tears in his eyes, the government immediately issued an order that soldiers continue to salute their officers, but the entire Russian army preferred to follow the workmen's soviet of Petrograd.

Then there was a bit of disorder that particularly relates to Americans. It was amongst the sailors of Kronstadt, the great fort for the naval protection of Petrograd. One of these sailors found out that Tom Mooney was going to be executed in San Francisco, because of his activities for the labor movement. These 30,000 sailors immediately held a meeting and appointed a committee of six men to visit Ambassador Francis. The six men who called upon Ambassador Francis carried their rifles with them as was their custom during the revolutionary crisis.

Ambassador Francis did not come out of his bedroom, but his secretary saw the sailors and through them learned that Ambassador Francis was invited to come to Kronstadt and stay with the sailors until such time as they should hear what was the fate of Tom Mooney. The six sailors said: "We promise to extend all courtesies to Ambassador Francis that are extended to our brother in San Francisco. From that time Ambassador Francis thought that Tom Mooney was a Russian and that he had six brothers in Russia. The ambassador telegraphed to Washington. "For God's sake don't hang Tom Mooney." Understand that was in Kerensky's government. Kerensky's government was not strong enough to even stop six sailors from visiting Ambassador Francis.

The Kerensky government of Russia was paralyzed by strikes of unheard-of-kind. The workmen demanded first an eight-hour day with 50 per cent increase in pay, then a seven-hour day with 100 per cent increase, then six hours and 500 per cent and so on toward a five-hour day and 1,000 per cent increase. It was an impossible situation. Why are you applauding? It was really impossible. You can't take out of an industry more than the total product of it. The employers came to the workmen with their books, proving that such demands could not be granted; the workmen merely replied: "That's your lookout", and went on with more demands; They found a new way of string, when they decided to strike, they sent the employer word to leave the factory, that there was a strike on. They themselves stayed in. The actually instituted a ceremony of wheeling the employers out of the factories in a wheelbarrow to symbolize that the strike was on.

Now that was perfectly illegal. It was disorder. Bolsheviks had nothing to do with it; these workingmen were convinced at that time by the false propaganda that Lenine was a German agent and they hated him and all bolsheviks.

The provisional government was in a desperate fix to stop the strikes of that nature that had paralyzed Russian industry and made it impossible to continue. The government undertook the only remedy that the capitalistic world has ever yet found for strikes, and that was to shoot the strikers. They had a perfect legal right to do so, for the strikers were violating the law in taking the factories and putting the factory owners out by force. But when the soldiers approached the factories, the workmen sent out committees which met the soldiers and explained the cause of the trouble and the soldiers committees met with and conferred with them, decided that the workers were right, locked up their oficers and returned to Kerensky with the report that "all was well."

And so the only remedy that the capitalistic world has ever found for strikes failed when the soldiers refused to shoot the strikers.

But there came forward another man who had a new remedy for this intollerable situation. It was Lenin His remedy was to put the responsibility upon labor. His idea was for the workmen to take responsibility for running the factories themselves; then it would be their own "lookout" to see that there was a much produced as there was taken out. It was the only solution that could work, after the old solution of shooting strikers failed because of the loyalty of the soldiers to the working men.

But so far, Kerensky still held nominal power. Kerensky planned to "overthrow" himself—to get the Cossacks under General Korniloff to sweep down upon Petrograd and inaugurate a military dictatorship that would shoot down the rebellious working men. Well, Korniloff came on with his hordes of Cossacks toward Petrograd. When it was heard about, the workmen ran to the factory whistles and turned loose the biggest racket that Petrograd had ever heard. The workmen poured out on the streets, shouting "the revolution is in danger; protect the Kerensky government from the counter-revolution!" Kerensky learned to his dismay that the workers wouldn't let him overthrow him self. The workmen rushed to barracks and arsenals and demanded rifles, machine guns and hand grenades to protect the provisional government. The soldiers could not refuse this help, and in a short time the streets of the great city were full of marching, singing men from factories, mixed in with soldiers, going to meet the oncoming Cossacks. Somebody hurriedly supplied then with the newest kind of implement of warfare—handbills.

When the workmen canie in sigh of the advancing Cossack army, they sent out committees with handbills. The Cossacks, in spite of all the general could do, sent committees to meet them. These committees brought back the handbills and read them aloud to the ranks; and General Korniloff's army melted away in an hour.

The workmen returned to Petrograd with the hand grenades swinging to their belts and with the rifles and machine guns; they forgot where they had borrowed them, or some thing, and did not return them to the arsenals. That was the end of Kerensky. With the workmen armed, the government was doomed. A short, swift and easy move, and the entire afairs of one hundred and eighty million people passed into the hands of the workmen's and soldiers' soviets.

Thereupon the bourgeois class of Russia went on strike. The ofice man type thought that by their refusal to do the clerical work Russian industry would break down and the labor revolution would be overthrown. But they were mistaken. A surprising amount of ability was found in the ranks of the working-class. For instance, when the office force of the Nickolaievsky railroad (the greatest railway in

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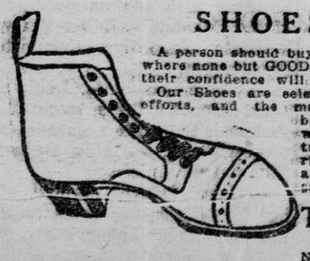
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# IMPERIALISTS OF THE WORLD PLAYING WITH FIRE

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European Russia) went on strike or remained at work to sabotage. Leon Trotsky asked an I. W. W. organizer from America—William Shatoff—if he could run a railroad. Shatoff said he would try. Shatoff knew something about sabotage himself, and he sucessfully found where the trouble was and got the railroad running on time.

Then as to military matters, the oficers, too, went on strike. They thought that in that way they could leave the Red Guard in a condition to be defeated at the first shot. Lenin and Trotsky tried to get the American government to send them American officers to help organize an army to fight for the soviets against the army that was the greatest enemy at that time, the German army, but the American governmen would not help, and so the Reds fell back on working-class talent for its military experts. I knew a young boy of twenty-two years of age who used to work in a sweat-shop in Cleveland; he became a very successful military officer commander. A raincoat-maker from Chicago became a brilliant commander of a regiment on the Don front; I remember when he was out of employment in Chicago his wife had to take in washing.

So, to the surprise of the bourgeois, the workmen's soviets got along without their assistance. The workmen's soviets reversed the order of thing to some extent; they decreed that labor should be fed first. Where a workman received a pound of bread for himself and a pound for each member of his family, the bourgeois who refused to work for the confiscated industries received a quarter of a pound. They were always told, however, that any time they would consent to ko to work for the workmen's soviets at clerical labor, they would enjoy equal treatment with working men.

But the bourgeois for the most part in the early days, got stubborn and refused to work. They went out into the food speculation business, for the double purpose of making a handsome living out of it and of bringing on an artifical famine which they hoped would break down the labor republic.

These speculators brought bread up to $1.00 a pound (American money), sugar to $6.00 and a pound of butter to $7.50. Meantime the workmen's soviets managed to keep down the price of bread to twelve cents a pound for the factory employes, sugar to sixty cents and butter to about seventy-five cents—terrible famine prices, but compare them to the price in the speculation market!

I used to stand around the factory gates on Saturday afternoons and see the workmen coming out with their "pay envelopes.' The "pay envelopes" were three feet long; they were sacks of flour. Yes, the workmen's soviets hit on the scheme of paying off partly in food instead of all money. You could tell how many members each man had in his family by the number of flour sacks he had, for he received one sack for each member of his family. Workmen with many children had to bring a truck on pay day. Single men received only supplies for one, and the rest of their pay in money.

The ambassador from the United States was terribly shocked by this. "Oh, horrors! the world is turned upside down", he said. "How long is this going to continue." I wanted to tell him "forever", but his mind could not conceive of working men succeding in that sort of thing, and so he kept up a constant string of reports to America that the soviet government would fall "in two weeks". It hasn't fallen yet, and it is the most stable government in Europe.

Ambassador Francis was a stock-broker from St. Louis. He had come to Petrograd to wear knee breeches and silk stockings at the court of the tzar, and he was, I must say, the best ambassador we ever had at the court of the tzar. But when the revolution came, he did not know what happened, and does not yet know. He sent a wild expedition to rescue the Queen of Rumania; that was his conception of the duty of an American ambassador. He made desperate efforts to find out what became of the tzar, and he appeared to spend the rest of his time arranging special train schedules for his get-away in time of danger.

Without a single exception every bit of information given the American government by its ambassador in Russia was wrong. It is upon the information of such men that the U. S. government is acting in the present private war of Mr. Wilson upon the Russian people.

In the allied embassies or consulates in Russia were hatched the bulk of the counter-revolutionary plots that nearly wrecked the revolution. The counter-revolutionists looked to the German embassy when the German armies were winning, and flocked back into the allied embassies when the tide of battle turned in France, and never failed to get a warm hand of welcome from Ambassador Francis. In the German and French diplomatic offices was plotted the burning of wheat fields to make the starvation of Russia more desperate. The French consulate sent out agents with emery powder to put into the delicate bearings of the locomotives, and in this way the railroad system of Russia was well-nigh wrecked beyond repair. Engineers were shot in the back to make trains run wild and have collisions. I saw them burn one of the biggest railway stations in Moscow to destroy the train-loads of food that were standing on the tracks, just arrived for the starving city.

It was anything to destroy the labor republic.

For many weeks we had practically nothing for food except tea without sugars. In the morning we would drink eight or ten glasses of tea without sugar. At noon a plate of hot water with perhaps a cabbage leaf, which we called soup. During the afternoon we would go desperately hungry and consume—about twelve glasses of tea without sugar. At night we would have once in a while a little dried fish about six inches long, three years old, dried in the sun with the entrails left in.

I used to dream about bread at night. Bread! Do you know what bread is? No, you don't for you have never been in a famine.

The second greatest necessity is sugar. After that comes grease. One doesn't care so much about meat.. And yet once in a while, you feel the terrible hunger for a little white dog on the square. even that. I remember I once met He was very thin, I could count his ribs. I was feverish. as one is for weeks at a time, from the starvation. I looked at the little dog, and sudenly it occurred to me that each one of his ribs was a chop. I was desperately hungry for that dog. He looked at me, too, and guiped, smelled me and walked away sadly. Poor dog, he was meat and I was meat.

We are waiting for the Volga wheat to be ready. Two weeks before the harvest time, the Czecko-Slovak armies concentrated in the Volga valley and cut off the entire food supply of Russia. This was plotted in the allied embassies.

The White Terror reached its climax. Soviet leaders were assassinated. Lenin was shot in the back. Then the Red Terror broke loose.

We have heard in America here lately the suggestion that food profiteers be turned over the firing squad. Imagine the food profiteers running up the priee of bread to a dollar a loaf, sugar to six dollars a pound and butter to seven dollars and a half, and what would happen? And imagine these same profiteers going over to a foreign country like Japan and asking that foreign armies be sent into their own country to make their people accept a foreign-imposed government. Would we then hear more talk of firing squads for them? I think so. Well, that is all that the Russians have done. That was the "Red Terror."

But now the Russian working men's armies have just captured the Volga valley just in time to reap the grain crop this year for the labor republic. Russia will be fed this year.

The bourgeois strike has been broken; the business men are coming back into the fold and consenting to work for the nationalized industries. The army oficers are giving in and entering the service of the Red army. You will hear every day or two that the Red army is defeated, but I tell you that the Red army is winning and is going to continue to win until that tzarist Koltchak, who is receiving the support of the American and allied reactionaries, is driven into the sea at Vladivostok. The same defeat will come to Denikin.

Now the business class of the allied world has got to choose between recognizing the Russian republic and turning the richest undeveloped country in the world over to the trade of Japan and Germany. The American working class can by a demonstration of its economic power make them recognize the soviet republic and leave Russia in the hands of the Russian people who are in the vast majority supporting the government in Moscow.

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# WHY SWISS SOCIALISTS JOINED THIRD INTERNATIONAL

By Our Special Correspondent,
(Workers Dreadnought)
ABRAM. K. MODERWELL.

Berne, August 20th.—

The Swiss Socialist Party, in its conference of last Saturday at Basle, decided by a vote of 318 to 147 to become an integral part of the Third International of Moscow. The general referendum which is to follow will not change the result. The Swiss Socialists have made up their minds.

Lest anyone should think that this was a hasty, impulsive decision, it is well to describe how it was arrived at. It is the result of four years of hard thinking and six months of active discussion.

The Swiss workers suffered from the war exactly as the workers of all other neutral countries suffered. They suffered from prices that rose relentlessly, while their efforts to have their wages raised in proportion were met with increasing brutality on the part of the employers and the government. They saw, what all the other workers have seen,—the few speculators becoming inordinately rich, while the workers became steadily poorer.

But they saw something else also—the foolishness and criminatlity of war for imperialistic loot. Switzerland is partly French, partly German, and partly Italian. All the propagandists of the world gathered in Switzerland, where the people could check one lie by another. They could see the process by which the German papers manufactured atrocities to make their working-class hate the French, and the French papers manufactured similar atrocities to make their working-class hate the Germans. They saw what the French and German and English workers, blinded by hate and fear, could not see—that whoever way win a war, the workers lose.

For a time they looked to the Socialist parties of the Second International to issue the call for the international solidarity of the working-calss, which would make future wars impossible. But no such call came. Instead, suspicion, recrimination, hatred, and feeble attempts at "parliamentary pressure" which were merely laughed at by the governments. They saw that, as a result of Socialist indecision, future wars were not only possible, but certain.

When the preparatory conference for the reconstruction of the Second International met last February in Berne. the Swiss Socialists determined to have no part in it. And immediately they began to discuss whether they should join the Third International, organized early in March at Moscow.

They discussed with workmanlike thoroughness. Each section, each local group, undertook to make up its mind, preparatory to the general party conference of August. First the group would invite two speakers to address it, one for and one against adherence to Moscow. Then would follow a general discussion. Then the question was divided into its component parts: The Soviet System; The Dictatorship of the Proletariat; The Class Struggle; Immediate Tactics, and so on. On succeeding evening each of these sub-divisions would be discussed separately and voted on. At last, the whole subject would be re-assembled, the final vote taken, and the delegates to the Basle convention instructed accordingly.

And now that the convention has decided, by a vote of more than two to one, a referendum is to be taken. to make things doubly sure. There can be no question here of the party being "stampeded," no question of "persuasive demagogues." The Swiss Socialists decided by a democratic vote to join the Bolshevik International, because, after long deliberation, they were convinced that there was nothing else that Socialist could honorably do.

The question at the Basle conference was never "Second International Or Third International" A motion to join the second International of Vandervelde and Scheidemann, of Branting and Noske, of Ebert and Arthur Henderson received only two votes. Indeed it was not a question of joining or not joining the Third International; it was only a question of joining with Moscow, now, or later.

A motion to consider the question after having revised the party constitution was defeated by 267 to 204 votes. A motion to make a last attempt to unite the working-class of western Europe before joining with Moscow, was defeated by a similar vote. A motion to join, but to reserve complete liberty of tactics, was defeated by 261 to 193 votes. So the Swiss Socialist Party decided to join now.

Of all the people in the world probably, these Swiss are the least likely to take a hasty, passionate decision. They sat at their tables in Basle like grave judges in Court. They did not, as their German comrades would have done, drink beer during their deliberations. They went at their duties as at the hardest kind of hard work. They listened to careful arguments repeated again and again. They never tired of these repetitions, so long as the speaker was in earnest about what he had to say. They scarcely showed a sign of approval or disapproval, except for a little applause at the end of a speech. They simply sat and deliberated. Yet these men and women were deciding no less serious a question than this:

**Reform or Revolution.**

Only now and then was any passion displayed, as when one speaker imparted the information that the Hungarian Soviet Republic had fallen, not through outside military pressure, but through its own inner weakness. Then these studious, phlegmatic Swiss showed angry emotion. But they seemed a little ashamed of themselves when the chairman reminded them that they should listen patiently to both sides.

The arguments for and against joining Moscow, were those which every Socialist group in the world will have to consider in the next few months. So it is well that they should be summarized here:

Arguments against joining the Moscow International:

To join the Third International would separate us from our French and British comrades and deprive us of their support.

Would lead us into new tactics, concerning which we are not clear, and the end of which no one can see.

Would cost us our middle class votes (sic!) and the votes of the more timid members of the working class.

Would embitter the opposition of the employers and the owning class.

Would commit us to policies which, though they may suit Russia, do not correspond to Swiss conditions.

Would be no more than a platonic expression of sympathy with the Russian Revolution.

Capitalism is not crumbling as the Moscow manifesto says; on the contrary it is stronger and more united than ever before.

The Third International does not in reality exist; it is only a paper organization.

Arguments in favour of joining the Moscow International:

The Socialist of Western Europe, especially of France, are moving in the direction of the Third International, just as we are; our action will only encourage theirs.

There is no lack of clearness in the programme, immediate or ultimate, of the Third International: for the present, full use of parliamentarism*) as a means of agitation, and at the same time the building and strengthening of workers' and soldiers' councils preparation for the day of the Revolution and the period of transition to a Soviet state. The character of the transitional dictatorship does not depend upon us, but upon the character and degree of the bourgeois opposition.

The Moscow programme allows us full provisional freedom to adapt our tactics to Swiss conditions.

If we adapt our policies to the gaining of middle-class votes we are not a Socialist party.

Capitalism, though by no means shattered, is so desperate that it is uniting all its forces through the League of Nations, to suppress the working-class everywhere; the only possible answer is the uniting of the proletariat under the banner of Communism.

The Third International is far more an existing reality than the Second: witness its challenge which Socialists the world over are obliged to face.

We have no choice but to decide between social reform and social revolution. Reform means the regulation of capitalist exploitation, and hence the maintenenace of the capitalist system and the capitalist state. The Third International is the only international organization which has committed itself clearly and definitely to the object of Socialists—the conquest of political and economic power by the proletariat.

It was only after weighing these arguments in detail for six months that the Swish Socialists made their decision. They have followed the majority Socialist parties of Italy, Norway and Norway and most of the Balkan States, and important minority groups in most of the other European countries. They must be followed in a few months by the Majority Socialists of France and the Independents of Germany.

*)Is this correct? Editor of the "Workers Dreadnought."

# DULUTH TRADES ASSEMBLY

## Stirring Session Held

Last Friday evening, one of the most stirring sessions of the Trades' Assembly was held. Due to an editorial appearing in TRUTH calling the Organization Committee to order.

For close upon one hour, the chairman of the Organization Committee, told, in glowing terms, of the magnificent work that had been performed by delegate Pereault. We need hardly tell you who the chairman of the organization committee is!

We beg to draw the attention of the members of Shipbuilders' Local 617, to the fact, that BAKERS' Selected Oleomargarine is on the unfair list. Also the Jewel Tea Co.

We trust the unions engaged in the building trade will respond to the invitation of the Electrical Workers' Union and form a building trade council. Better still form a building trade industrial union.

**We invite all members of organized labor to the Robert Minor meeting. There they will gain some idea of how the workers of Russia run industry.**

**The steel workers are still on strike!**

## From East and West.

"Russian Federation Branch No. 4, of Kings County, N. Y., voted 217 to 13 to join the Communist Labor Party." — Morris Zucker.

— Oregon affiliates by vote of State Convention, with the Communist Labor Party. Rush stamps and charter. — F. Cusack State Secy.

— "We concur in the report and approve the action of our delegates to the National Convention and endorse the Communist Labor Party, and we instruct our State Secretary to transact all business with the national ofice of the Communist Labor Party." — State Executive Committee, Washington.

— Conditions in St. Louis are very favorable for a large C. L. P. Local. Belleville Comrades are also with us. — Max Bedacht, National Organizer.

— Local Denver decided with but five dissenting votes to join the Communist Labor Party. We have 225 members in good standing. — H. Intemann.

— At a general membership meeting we voted to affiliate with the Communist Labor Party. — Mary E. Tichenor, St. Louis.

—Chicago has been organized for the C. L. P. Jas Meisinger has been made special organizer and A. Proctor, 204 No. Clark Street is Secretary.

— Pulaski County Local, Arkansas aligns itself with the C. L. P.

— Cleveland C. L. P. organization has been started. Most of the active members of the former S. P. Local have joined.

— "You may rest assured that California will be solid behind the C.L.P. writes State Secretary Taylor, as he orders a supply of due stamps.

— Local Kings, the largest Left Wing Local in New York, decided to affiliate with the Communist Labor Party.

## A Telegram From New York.

"Besides the branches already reported to you the First and econd Russian branches, the 3rd, 5th, 10th and 17th. A. D. branches and three German Branches have joined the Communist Labor Party. Also an organization has been formed in the 8th. A. D. In the Bronx the Third Russian Branch and the German Branch have joined us and the 3rd and 4th. A. D. are organizing. The New Jersey First Russian Branch has also joined us, as has the Newark Fort Lee Branch." — **Ben Gitlow.**

## First Blood.

"First blood" in the great campaign to reach America's thirty million wage workers with the message of Communism and rally them to the banners of the Third International has been drawn by Comrade Creviston of Crawford County, Kansas. He organized an entirely new Local at Cross among the miners. Hundreds of thousands of workers who were disgusted with the political palavering of the old ocialist Party, listen eagerly for the message of class solidarity as presented by the Comunist Labor Party. Up and at them Comrades everywhere. Who'll have second honors in the organizing of "first locals"?

## News From New Jersey.

"Now that the German Branches have affiliated with the Communist Labor Party, we shall go to work to build up the English speaking branches in New Jersey". — Louis F. Wolf.

Later: "I am glad to report that we have organized a new County organization with about thirteen branches. It is a good start. Send 500 due stamps and supplies at once. As soon as we have had several county meetings we intend to organize surrounding territory." — Henry Petzold, West Hoboken, New Jersey.

## STRIKERS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS.

Calcutta.—Ten thousand shopmen of the East India Railway, India, recently conducted a suecessful strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

The authorities negotiated and their request to return to work was flatly refused.

The strike affected many workshops—particularly Lilusha and Bamangachhi. The English Government ordered soldiers and police to keep peace and order.

## MEXICO.

**All Immigrants Treated Alike.**

Mexico City.—Because of reports recently published in the foreign press that the Mexican government was disposed to encourage solely and exclusively the immigration of Germans to this country, which was said to be under way upon a large scale, Secretary Pastor Rouaix of the Department of Agriculture and Fomento has made this announcement: Although the government has the intention later on to encourage immigration, because of the benefits to be derived from foreign capital, it does not consider the present an opportune time for that object, because no law has yet been passed regulating the agrarian question. No foreigners—Germans, Americans or any other nationality—will receive any aid from the government pending the enactment of laws in regard thereto by Congress.

Once for all, regarding this matter, it should be understood that the Government is disposed to open its arms to the people of all the countries in the world who desire to come here, solely with the proviso that they shall agree to abide by the laws of the country. In conclusion, it was declared that it was not true that a large German firm, nor any other foreign concern, had acquired a single foot of land in the Republic for colonization purposes.

## ENGLAND.

**Labor Won't Stand for Anti-Bolshevik Film.**

London.—Remarkable scenes took place recently outside the Clapham Majestic Picture Theater, in connection with a film entitled, "Bolshevism," which was being exhibited.

Many workers in that quarter of the city, on learning that the film was an unwarranted attack on their Russian comrades, tried to rush the theater and prevent the showing of the film. The police interposed, and for the next half hour a free-for-all fight ensued, in which clubs, sticks, stones and dirt flew freely.

Finding the police forces too strong, the workers finally withdrew to a neighboring street to hold a protest meeting in which according to the "Manchester Guardian" for September 17, "a crowd of several thousand people took part."

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# WHAT DIVIDES BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

## (reprinted from Glasgow Socialist)

What is going on at present between Great Britain and Russia is, in fact, war. British armies, together with armies of their Allies, have invaded Russia. They have violated the Russian frontiers without any declaration of war and without any provocation on the part of Russia. The Russian people defends itself. Although exhausted by the long war with a totally shattered national production, and although in the midst of the most fremendous reconstruction of the life of the whole people ever seen in history, it has put forth a new and strong army which is repelling the enemies invading its country from all sides. A real big war is being waged. If the great masses of the people were not behind the Soviet Government how would it be possible for this government to withstand the onslaught of hosts of enemies from the north, the south, the east and the west?

What are the reasons for which Great Britain is waging war upon Russia? The first official pretext given by the British Government when it began its hostile action against Russia was the alleged necessity of saving the Czecko-Slovacks menaced by the Russian government. In fact, it was the Czecko-Slovak who attacked the Russian people, and during the whole time of the military operations between Great Britain and Russia there was never o moment when the Czecko-Slovaks would not have been able to go away peacefully did they desire to do so. In the beginning of 1918 it was an exceptionally great concession on the part of the Russian Government that it allowed the Czecko-Slovak troops to go away fully armed through the whole of Russia. The Czecko-Slovaks did not answer this great concession in a friendly spirit. Under the influence of counter-revolutionary officers, and even of Entente officers who were hostile to the Russian Soviet Government, the Czecko-Slovaks on their way from Central Russia to the Far East behaved in a disorderly manner often hostile to the Soviets, brutalised their fellow-citizens whom they found on their road in provincial towns if these supported the Soviet revolution, seized by force food trains, practised violence upon the railway oficials, and acted more and more like rebels against the Soviet Government. At that time the new popular Soviet Russia had not yet formed its new army, its inner organization was only imperfectly shaping itself, and in the midst of the disarmed country the presence of an armed and well-organised hostile force revealed itself more and more clearly as a serious danger. In the beginning of April the Japanese landing at Vladivostock was the first sign of hostile designs on the part of the Entente in the Far East. The Siberian Soviets protested most energetically against the arrival of a strong and hostile Czecko-Slovak force at the time when the menace of Entente invasion was drawing near. The Czecko-Slovaks preferred very much adopting another route—that of Archangel or Murmansk. The Soviet Government began, in view of all these circumstances, negotiating with Great Britain and France with the view to shipping the Czecko-Slovaks to Western Europe through the north. One would have thought that Great Britain and France would most readily have ofered tonnage for that purpose, but they did nothing of the sort. They dragged the negotiations in a dilatory way, leaving the Czecko-Slovaks in the midst of Russia, and at the same time inciting them underhand to a more and more rebellious attitude. The threat became so serious that the Soviet Government resolved to demand from the Czecko-Slovaks that they should give up their arms. The answer was the Czecko-Slovak rebellion. In the midst of an almost completely disarmed country the strong Czecko-Slovak troops, who, on their way from Central Russia to the Far East were already in fact holding a great part of the Siberian railway, some adjacent Russian railways and the important towns of that region, could without difficulty become masters of the country from the Ural to Central Siberia. Even at that moment nothing would have threatened the Czecko-Slovaks if they had consented to go away peacefully. The aggressors were the Czecko-Slovaks. Against this serious rebellion Soviet Russia had to defent itself. The Czecko-Slovaks everywhere deposed the Soviet authorities, gave the power to reactionary institutions, and became the centre of rallying of all the counter-revolutionary forces. In this way civil war in Russia was fostered by the Czecko-Slovaks. At that moment Great Britain and its Allies openly took the Czecko-Slovaks under their protection, declared officially that they considered the Czecko-Slovak troops in Russia as an Allied army, and warned the Russian Government that every step taken against the Czecko-Slovaks would be considered as a hostile step against the Allies. Even then nothing would have menaced the Czecko-Slovaks had they consented to enter into an agreement with the Russian Government. But, on the contrary, they became the most serious and organized force among the combination of forces trying to overthrow popoular government in Russia. The French military representative with the Czecko-Slovak army in Siberia published appeals to them in which Bolshevism, that Socialist popular form of government, was pointed to as the enemy which the Czecko-Slovaks had to combat.

Great Britain did not wage war against Russia for the sake of saying the Czecko-Slovaks. It made use of these for preparing war, and afterwards for woging war, the purposes for which are to be sought elsewhere. The whole region of Czecko-Slovak ocupation became the scene of the wildest orgies of counter-revolution, tens of thousands of workers filled the prisons, and the shooting enmasse without trial occurred every day. The Czecko-Slovaks were only a tool for the war against the Socialist movement

In connection with the Czecko-Slovaks the Entente diplomats pointed to Germany as the alleged author of measures against the Czecko-Slovak rebellion began and the Entente Governments declared the Czecko-Slovaks to be an Allied army, this question had not yet drawn the attention of the German Government. It was just as a result of the steps taken by the Entente Governments in favour of the Czecko-Slovaks and also the booming up of this question in the Entente press, that the German Government for the first time addressed itself to the Russian Government and demanded efficient measures against the Czecko-Slovak danger. The negotiations between these two Governments dragged several months, and it was only in the Notes exchanged on the 27th of August that the demands of Germany upon this question found an official response in the shape of the promise of the Russian Government to combat with its whole energy the rebellion of the Czecko-Slovaks. The idea so often expressed by the British press that the Czecko-Slovak crisis was summoned up by German pressure is, therefore, contrary to the truth.

The more general reason for the war against Russia is the alleged domination of Germany in Russia. The childish calumny concerning Lenin and Trotsky being German agents was steadily spread by the Yellow Press in Britain. The forged documents received from America in July and August were well known to us already during the previous winter. We have it from Mr. Lockhart himself that professional forgerers assailed the British and other Embassies with the most absurd falsifications, offered for a low price. When one of the principal anti-Bolshevist agents, Mr. Sisson, having bought in Russia a batch of these forgeries, brought them to Western Europe, be found that they had already been published in the Petit Parisien. The false documents published in America in July were soon afterwards republished in Russia, and the coarseness of these falsification were so absurd that it could only excite laughter.

There can be no greater contrast than that between Russian Bolshevism and Imperial Germany. The falsehood that Bolshevism was an outpost of the German Empire was for the British Government a pretext for fighting Russian Socialism. The book of the French captain, Sadoul, member of the French Military Mission in Russia, recently published in Switzerland, contains sufficient proofs of the fact that the Russian Soviet Government was the whole time seeking for friendly relations with the Entente Powers, and that the German Empire was its most terrible enemy. But the Entente Powers demanded that R[illegible] should thrust itself again into the [illegible] war. In face of the enormous military powers of Imperial Germany with the disorganisation of the Russian military defence, it would have been sheer madness; it have meant the certain occupation of Russia by Germany. In the situation in which Russia was at that time, the only possible policy for the Russian Government was to seek at any price to be left in quiet for some time. In all the conversations the members of the Russian Government had with Entente diplomats they pointed out to them that the moment can come when circumstances will again force Russia to make war against the powers which would seek to subjugate it, and that in such a case it would have to co-ordinate its actions with the opposite coalition, but that just then entering the war would mean for Russia certain annihilation. They also pointed out that the result would be of an immense advantage to Germany, because it would give to Germany a pretext for seizing all those parts of European Russia which after the Brest-Litovsk Treaty were left intact. In fact, the whole of that period, until in the beginning of the autumn, the German military power began to shake, the menace of a German invasion was the Damocles sword ever hanging over Russia's head. The threatened advance of the Czecko-Slovaks and of the other Entente troops who had landed on Russian soil into the heart of Russian would have given to the German military party the longed for pretext for marching upon Moscow and extinguishing the last spark of Russian independence. In reality the new Russian army, which was gradually created during the last year, in defending Russia against Czecko-Slovak and Entente invasion, were in this manner defending Russia against German invasion. Secret documents of Entente representatives which fell into our hands showed that the British and French military parties were consciously aiming at that result. They would have gladly sacrified the whole of European Russia to Germany for the sake of drawing away of few German soldiers from the Western front. And besides the military, the social point of view took more and more the upper hand. Whether by German or by Entente lands, Bolshevism—Socialism—had to be crushed.

In the argumentation for the support of war against Russia the idea of "Liberating it from Bolshevism," that is, of crushing Socialism, in Russia and re-establishing there capitalistic society replaces at that time more and more the idea of considering Bolshevim as an outpost of imperial Germany. The idea of the Bolshevist danger as a revolutionary danger and the idea of Bolshevist danger as a presumably imperial German danger are two irreconciliable opposites. The middle of last year was the time of a most intense struggle of Socialist workers in Russia against counter-revolutionary conspiracies. The active elements of the old regime, especially the old Tsarist officers, were everywhere forging plots and concentrating around them the dissatisfied elements, all those who had profited from capitalism, the rich village usurers, and so on. An invisible hand connected the rising of July and August with the centres of counter-revolution in the south, in the east and in the north. A most active role was played in all these risings and conspiracies by Entente officers. Especially the French oficers were secretly playing a most active game, enrolling Poles, Serbs and South Slavs in order to send them to the fronts combatting Russia, or to take part in risings. In the beginning of July the great rising in Yaroslavl, the rising of the Left Social Revolutionaries in Moscow following the murder of Count Mirbach, the subsequent rising of the Social Revolutionaries in Lgoff, near the Ukraine, numerous smaller risings to the north of Moscow, the treason of the Comander-in-Chief, Mouravieff, in the east, occurred almost simultaneuosly and showed evident signs of concerted pearrangement. Secret relations between the rebels and Entente representatives have been in fact disclosed. The Yaroslavl rising was prepared in concert with allied officers Although at that time Germany on one side and the Entente of the other were staining all their forces to combat one another, a sort of secret collusion between them against Bolshevism began to form itself. On the Don, Krasnoff was the German hireling and Alexeieff the British hireling. Between them there existed intimate connection and mutual help. Both sides preferred even augmenting the number of their enemies if only anti-Bolshevism were developed and supported. Alexeieff was considered by the Entente as the head of anti-Bolshevism, that is of counter-revolution, and secret wires connected all the risings of the period with the organisation headed by Alexeieff. Secret documents which have fallen into our hands have shown to us that all these movements were to a large extent financed by the Entente. It was only an act of elementary self-defence when, under these conditions, the Russian Government began to adopt measures against Entente representatives. In the second half on July the Entente Ambassadors were invited to leave Vologda, where a rising similar to that of Yaroslavl was to be expected. Tsarist ex-officers were secretly streaming to Vologda and numerous French paid Polish officers had concentrated there. The Ambassadors preferred to leave Russia altogether. During August the conspiracies conducted by Entente representatives developed so far that stringent measures, arrests, and internments had to be adopted against Entente oficers and consular officials. That was the time of the development of the notorious Lockhart conspiracy. Through the Letts, whom Lockhard tried to suborn, we learn all the details of the extensive secret plan aiming at the complete overthrow of our Government. The letter of Rene Marchand, seized during a domiciliary visit, and other documents and testimonies, have disclosed all the other plans of the Entente conspirators — the attempts to blow up railway bridges and trains with food, to destroy railway bridges and so forth.

Thus Great Britain has been and is still waging the most unscrupulous and violent war with the view to destroy free popular Russia. It is accompanied the whole time by an equally unscrupulous press war, a most extensive campaign of falsehood and calumny. One of the principal subiects of this campaign was the so-called red terror—the measures of energetic self-defense which Soviet Russia had to adopt in the exasperated struggle it conducted against the numerous and powerful forces of dispossessed capitalism and all its acolytes. Numerous have been the cases in which the advance of the enemy has been aided by these counter-revolutionary forces, the Tsarist ex-oficers, the ex-capitalists and the village usurers. **With enemies lurking behind corners in order to stab it in the back. Socialist Russia was compelled to strike energetically and systematically at these inner forces, leagued with external foes, which preferred servitude under the sway of foreign capitalism to free Socialism. The so-called red terror was only an act of elementary self-defence.** To the foreign yellow press it gave a rich field for calumnies. In reality it never reached the proportions assigned to it in the tales of the enemies. At the time when the exofficers of the Tsarist army were the most active force of counter-revolution they were called together to be registered and some of them were interned. In Petrograd 300 of them were interned, in other places only a few. **A mass killing of ex-officers never took place.** An outburst of indignation against the counter-revolutionary criminals took place in the whole of Russia after the murder of Ouritzky and the attempt upon Lenin at the end of August. That was the moment when the only death sentences en masse which occurred in Russia took place, namely, the 500 in Petrograd. In Moscow the death sentences have never been so numerous. Until August they were extremely few there, after August their number can be easily ascertained seeing that they have been published In Moscow their total number does not surpass 100. In Petrograd, after the 500 there have been only a few. The enemies of Socialist Rusia drew fantastical pictures of shootings en masse every night. This is totally of the domain of fable. The death sentence are pronounced under legal forms. There can be no comparisons between their number and the innumerable atrocities perpetrated in the regions of Allied occupation in the East or under the army of Denikin in the South.

The yellow press likes also to represent in a most exaggerated manner the famine in Russia. The principal authors of the difficult are especially felt in Moscow and Petrograd, owing to the deterioration of transport produced by Russia being cut off from the sources of naphtha and from the coal mines, and also from the raw materials necessary for the engines and cars. In the southern and eastern provinces of the Russian Soviet Republic the food conditions are not so bad at all. Even in the large cities the pictures drawn by the yellow press of starving people tearing flesh from dead horses are absolutely fantastical. An important cause of those difficulties is the circumstance that the Russian peasant who under the old regime was forced to sell a great part of his corn is now eating it himself.

A new subject of the yellow press is now the alleged pouring out of barbarian hordes from Russia into Estonia, Lettland, Lithunia, and so on. In fact, the Soviet Republics of Estonia, Lettland, Lithunia, White Russia and the Ukraine are completely independent and have already their own military forces. What is really going on there is the same liberation of the people from its exploiters, which took place in Russia through the creation of the Soviet regime. The real substance of the war there is the social war. When British ships land Finnish volunteers in Estonia they are landing a military force of the bourgeoisie in order to fight the Estonian mass. In liberated Estonia the town workers and the rural proletarians, through their Soviets, have taken up the government. In liberated Lettland the same Soviet Government of the town workers and rural proletarians have already been established. In Lithunia and White Russia it is in the process of creation. In the Ukraine what is going on is the civil war between the Ukrainian bourgeoisie, including the rich peasantry and represented by the Petlioura directory, and the workers and the massa of poorer peasantry, represented by the Communist Party and headed by the Ukranian Soviet Government. The Cossacks in the South, this best force of Entente intervention in Russia, are only partly enemies of Bolshevism. The richer section of the Cossacks owns much bigger land portions than the poorer one and the non-Cossack population of the same region. The domination of Krasniff and of the anti-Bolshevist richt section of the Cossacks is based upon the most violent terror imaginable and upon constant shootings of diferently minded elements.

As to the Red army of the Russian Soviet Republic, depicted so horribly by the yellow press, it is in reality now a popular army based upon general service and upon mobilization of whole classes of Russian citizens of military age. Its discipline is excellent. Very much is done for the instruction of the soldiers of the Red army. The organisations of the Communist Party send their best elements to act as propagandist and as an ideal cementing force in the Red army. Clubs are formed in every unit, political discussions are held, troops of singers and actors go to the fronts and organise there stage performances, playing Shakespeare, Russian dramas, operas, giving concerts. Special trains with literature visit the fronts. The army commandment is composed partly of those old officers who have rallied to the new regime and partly of the new proletariat oficers from the midst of the workers who have gone through the special classes for the training of Red oficers. The absurd fable of German officers comanding the Red army refutes itself, seeing that the Red Army, with its extremely well-developed revolutionary spirit, would be quite unable to have anything to do with products of the old German military system. The Red army is a popular Russian social force.

Thus the issue is thoroughly and completely a social issue. The British soldier prisoners who thought they would fall into the hands of barbarians and saw in reality that they had entered a society of class friends have mostly at once understood the truth and become our friends. Our revolutionary reality at once opens their eyes. For all the soldier prisoners of diferent foreign countries Russian reality has been the greatest revolutionary school. In the class war waged between the Entente oligarchy and the Russian Socialist people the choice of the worker is made at once.

**(THIS ARTICLE MIGHT JUST AS WELL BE ENTITLED "WHAT DIVIDES AMERICA AND RUSSIA". — ED.)**

## RUSSIA TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE

By Covington Ami.

Twas I that saved you from the hand that had you by the throat;
Twas I that kept your Ship of State of kismet's sea afloat;
Twas I that held the battlelines thru winters, long and black,
And, for this, your statesmen pay me with a bullet in the back.

Twas I that dragged the Caesars down, with bare and bleeding hands;
Twas I that saved democracy from dying in all lands;
Twas I renewed the strength of men, all hopeless and dismayed,
And, for this, your statesmen ring me with a murderous blockade.

Twas I that took America at values that I heard;
Twas I that strove to body forth the Vision and the Word;
Twas I recalled Caucasians from their race's suicide,
And, for this, the Allied statesmen drove a dagger in my side.

Such are the "great democracies" now boasting in the West;
Who speak with tongues of angels but whose rifles never rest;
Who sing the songs of freedom, but who dread to see no slave;
Who hymn the praise of justice while their hirelings dig its grave.

## AWAKEN, O AMERICA!

By Covington Ami.

(Written on reading that Kings, Grandukes, Dukes, Plutocrats and Princes from Europe, Asia and Africa were heading for our shores.)

The Kings! The Kings! America, the Kings are on your shore!
The enemy within your gates has opened wide the door!
The brood that turned all Europe to a shambles shaming Hell
Are swarming to pollute the soil where freedom's vanguard fell!

The breed that sneered at Jefferson, at Franklin and at Paine,
The Holy Wolf-Alliance, lo, is forming once again!
The pack that hunted Jackson and who cursed Abe Lincoln's name,—
O you who fell at Valley Forge, look not upon our shame!

O spirits of the Frontiersmen! O pioneers of right,
Turn not your gaze upon your sons! Ah, witness not this sight!
Shut fast Valhalla's cypress doors! your faces turn away,
And deaf your ears that you hear not the courtier words they say!

Ah you who barter liberty the Realm of Gold to gain,
For you the Earth shall barren and for you the wormwood rain!
For you who equal rights deny, who free thought scourge and jail,
For you the woe shall thicken and for you the light shall fail!

Awaken, O America! O Labor lift your hand!
Rise, once again, you Farmers for the freedom of our land!
Lockout the life-monopolists!—A Freeman's struggle make!—
And from the Crowned and Uncrowned Kings, the Land you builded, Take!

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## HONEST UNIONISM

Six months ago the New York Printing Trades Unions decided that a living wage in that city would amount to $50.00 per week and that 44 hours a week was enough for any sensible working man or woman to work for the bosses.

They cleared up the road by forming an interlocking directorate of local printing trade unions and got rid of a lot of cumbersome agreements for arbitration, conciliation, etc. The bosses could not see it. The printing trodes workers struck, thousands of them.

The bosses offered arbitration and a week before the strike the four heads of the International unions involved issued a public statement condemning the movement and offering protection to the "fair" employers.

This is done, not because of laws, but because the members of the Typographical union, in their ignorance, apathy and indifference to the business of their unions, and their repudiation of the principle of the class struggle, have established a policy of arbitration; and their International president, Marsden G. Scott, is too blind and reactionary to see that times require a change in the policies of the union. The other International printing trades union imitate the typos.

So the printing trade workers of New York not only have to fight their exploiters but they also have to fight their International officials. Lying articles in the capitalist press, scurrilous editorials that try to switch the support of the workers from the strikers have appeared in the daily newspapers.

We read that one periodical will appear, printed from plates made by reproducing typewritten copy, instead of being set in type. This leads us to ask, "Are the photo-engravers scabbing on the strikers?" "How can they run the presses to print the plates when the pressmen are out on strike?"

We read that Scott threatens to take the union label away from any shops that yeild to the demands of the New York unions. We read that he is demanding the revocation of the charter of the New York Central Labor Council. We read that Major Berry, the International president of the Pressman's union, who is functioning under an injunction issued by the United States District Court of Tennessee on petition of some of the subordinate unions, is yelling "bolshevism".

But the facts are these, the strike is supported by the rank and file. The Chicago Typos have pledged financial support "without stint or limit" and have directed all members to refuse to handle any struck work that comes from New York. Other unions are taking the same action. By an almost unanimous vote the New York printers have rejected arbitration and are standing firm.

The strike involves only the book and job and periodical publishing industry, the newspapers are not affected.

The action of the International officials is the rankest sell out that ever took place in the labor movement. It amounts to downright scabbery and the rejection of every union principle imposed by the possession of a union card.

**IT IS TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE.**

Out with the officials that lead the workers to the shambles of capitalism.

Out with the officials that lead the workers to defeat.

Out with the officials that have the brain of a boss and the mind of capitalist.

Out with the officials that want $5000 per year and at the same time are aiding the employers to drive the workers back to work at $42.00 per week.

Out with Berrys, the Scotts, the Freels, out with the Reddicks, out, out with whole lazy, lying, pot putted bunch of employers' lieutenants.

On with the men of the rank and file whose hearts and minds are with the workers and who are responsive to the conditions and spirit of the times.

Long live the new solidarity of the printing trade workers. Long live the industrial union movement.

Speed the day of victory for all the workers.

W. E. TOWNE.
President of the Duluth Allied Printing Trades Council.

## THE OPEN SHOP

The Duluth Ctizens' Al-lie-ance has issued a challence to organized labor in this city and **that challenge must be met.**

The advocates of the Open Shop prove their insincerity by organizing themselves into ONE BIG UNION, in order to compel the workingclass to remain isolated, without any organization. Judge Gary is the main man in the Open Shop movement, the small organizations, similar to the Duluth outfit, follow the lead of the Gary. **Judge Gary is no believer in the Open Shop.** In 1901, in the State of New Jersey there was organized the **CLOSED SHOP** of the Steel Industry, composed of the following firms:—

Carnegie Steel Co. (N. J.)
Carnegie Steel Co., Pa.
Federal Steel Co.
National Tube Co.
Shelly Steel Tube Co.
American Steel and Wire Co.
American Sheet and Tin Plate Co.
American Bridge Co.
Union Steel Co.
Clairton Steel Co.
Tennessee C. I. and R. R.R Co.
Illinois Steel Co.
Ilinois Steel Warhouse.
Universal Portland Cement C
Indiana Steel Co.
Sharon Tin Plate Co.
National Tube Co.
H. C. Frick Coke Co.
U. S. Coal and Coke Co.
National Mining Co.
Mingo Coal Co.
Sharon Coal and Limestone Co.
Lake Superior Con. Mines Co.
Oliver Mining Co.
Minnesota Iron Co.
Donora Mining Co.
Sharon Ore Co.
Pewabic Co.
Elgin Joliet and Ea[illegible] Railway Co.
Lake Terminal R. R. Co.
Duluth, Missabe and No. Ry. Co.
Bessemer and Lake Erie R. R. Co.
Pittsburgh, Bessemer and Lake Erie R. R. Co.
Union R. R. Co.
Youghiogheny Nor. Ry. Co.
Pittsburgh Steamship Co.
Pittsburgh and Conn. Dock Co.
Edgar Zine Co.
Penna and Lake Erie Dock Co.
Carnegie Natural Gas Co.
Pittsburgh Limestone Co.
Proctor Water Co.
Mt. Pleasant Water Co.
Union Supply Co.
United Supply Co.
Proctor Light and Water Co.
Gary Heat, Light and Water Co.
Federal Shipbuilding Co.

The above firms form what is known as the United States Steel Corporation. They commence at the mines and take in all industries that are connected with the manufacture of steel. They form the **CAPITALIST INDUSTRIAL UNION** of the Steel Industry. There is no possible chance for any other firm to start in the steel businss and compete with the Steel Trust. They must either allow the Steel Trust to buy them out or they must stand to be crushed. As all as the Steel Trust is concerned, the **CLOSED SHOP** in the order of the day.

**Yet we are asked to believe that the "open shop is a moral principle that cannot be arbitrated." ..... .... .... ..**

The business men of this city, asisted by leaders (?) of organized labor, made many appeals to organized labor to stay on the job and see the war through. Statesmen, to say nothing of pious politicians and hypocritical editors, daily reiterated pious platitudes about the new social order that was to be built up on the ashes of the world, that has so energetically destroyed itself and now verges on the brink of ruin and collapse. But beyond a few hints and senile suggestions, they were strangely silent as to what the form and character of this world was to be.

Was it to be a world, wherein the workingclass would be more ruthlessly exploited than ever before, in which the life of the mass of the people will be a dull, sordid, colorless round of companionship with poverty and sickening misery? Or would it be a world, wherein **CAPITAL and LABOR** would come together nd forget the past, and out of the co-operation of forces during the war, there would emerge a brotherhood of capital and labor? Or would the new world be one, wherein the workers, by virtue of the fact that they are workers, would decide for themselves the conditions under which they should work and live?

There has only been one answer to the question of what kind of a new world it was to be. It is going to be same old world of pre-war days, that is if we leave it to the masters of America to decide the question for us. The millions who went to war, intoxicated with the idea that they were fighting for democracy have returned home to find that immediately after the cessation of hostilities, the capitalist class sets to work to smash the forces of organized labor. What does it matter that thousands lie dead upon the fields of Flander; what does it matter that men have lost arms, legs and others have been rendered blind; what does it matter that many a mother will be threw out on to the pitliess world with the future of her children left in her hands, without any hope of assistance? It matters not one iota, labor has no right to demand any more of the wealth it produces, than its masters will allow. Go bury your dead and dry your eyes, men and women who Labor, all that we want you to do, is to sweat and slave and fill our coffers! What do we care whether your daughters prostitute themselves or not, our daughters speak in fine tones and wear silks and satins! What do we care whether your children should go to the factory or not. Somebody has got to work and we want the cheapest labor, all the time. **That is what the workingclass gets for being patriotic. The deeds of the employers speak louder than their words.**

ONE BIG UNION.

Labor must not allow itself to be fooled anymore. **Also they must not be content with the passing of vague revolutions, they must be prepared to ACT. @**

In devising ways and means for action, Labor must recognise that there must be a change in its form of organization. So they must not allow standpat labor leaders and worn-out labor editors to fool you with the idea that and worn-out labor editors to fool them with the idea that One Big Union will not work, why do the masters resort to the use of the armed forces of the State, in order to crush it? The League of Nations accepts trade-unionism, but it will NOT acept the idea of the One Big Union. Why? Are you blind? Can you not see that the unification of the forces of organized labor gives Labor increased power? Did not the Allies fight better under one supreme commander, than when they were fighting as individual nations? The labor leader who tells you that the One Big Union idea is opposed to the best interests of organized labor is either a fool of a knave.

TRADE UNIONISM v INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

The International Union of Stationary Engineers has ordered its members to remain on the job in the Steel Industry. Do you realise what that means? It means that the union men, carrying the card of that union in their pockets, would be working and assisting men like Judge Gary to crush the other unions engaged in the Steel Industry if the rank and ile had not struck of its aun accord. Today union railroad men are working whilst the rest of the workers in the Steel industry are striking. Scabs are being pulled into the various steel plants, in trains manned by railroad brotherhood members. The lying articles about the steel strikers are being set up by union printers. **One section of Labor fighting for its very existence and the other section lined up with the bosses assisting the bosses to crush the very unions they pledge allegiance to. Whatcant and hypocrisy to talk about the solidarity of labor** On other hand if the Steel workers had been organized like their employers—the steel barons—they would have settled the steel strike in less than one week. One Big Union idea is that all the workers in one industry shall organize into an industrial union embracing all the workers of that particular industry. They shall then link up with the various industrial unions and thus form one fighting organization of the workingclass. If we had a One Big Union of the steel Workers, we would have cloced down the while steel industry. There would have been no mines working, no trains hauling ore or steel. Not on light would have been allowed to burn. In a word, the steel plants would have been as silent as the grave. That is what One Big Union would have done. Contrast that with the constitutional scabbing of the craft unions. **Do you believe now that the idea of the One Big Union is unsound, as the editor of the Duluth Labor World would have you to believe? ..**

If you are going to withstand the attacks of organized Capital, you must have the means to withstand those attacks. Sentimental appeals to the public do not help you. What you require is **P-O-W-E-R.** You must srike blow for blow and you must have strength behind your blow. You must not rest content with defending your interests, you must go ahead and attack. You have got to be in a postion to say to the ultimatum of the Citizens' Al-LIE-ance:—

**..."WE ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE AND WE WILL CLOSE YOUR OPEN SHOP SO DAM TIGHT THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO OPEN IT AGAIN."**

We must not have any more molders' strike situations. We must immediately set our brains working and come together. We must see that the demand of the Electrical Workers' Union is acted upon, that is to organize the whole forces of the building trade into a building trade council and then form a building industrial union. We must not assume the narrow-minded attitude of the delegate of the Painters Local. Let us be a little more progressive than that.

In the past skilled and unskilled have organized separately and have invariably pursued their own advantages with a complete disregard for the interests of other sections of the workingclass. As industrial processes become simplified, the unskilled workers have found it possible to undertake new work, the shipyard furnishes a valuable illustration of this, and to improve their positions as individuals. But here the trade unions have stepped in and the employers in accordance with the old policy, **divide and conquer,** have played off one section of the workers against the other, until both the unskilled and the skilled have suffered from the downward pressure that their own divided counsels have invited. Because the workers have been divided, and because they have been guilty of civil war within their own unions over the question of demarcation etc., instead of producing a levelling up of social life (in the sense that all the hard work of the world could be done by machinery instead of human effort) has levelled us all down, and tends further to reduce all to the position of general unskilled machine minders. If we are to secure for the workingclass the full fruits of their endeavors, it is imperative that within their ranks there shall be unity of purpose and action. A more scientific form of industrial organization is essential having as its own unit, neither the craft, nor the section nor the sex, but the industry) in so far as the industry can be defined) in which those concerned are engaged; and the whole must be linked up in a great class organization whose function and whose purpose must be to work out the emancipation of the workingclass.

**Eliminate Union Autocrats**

In this building up of industrial unions, we must take great care that we do not repeat the same mistakes that have been made in the building up of the International unions of the American Federation of Labor. We must not place our power in the hands of officials, it must be vested in the rank and file of the membership. Only those who work, know how the work is done, and the workshop, the place where the economic conflict begins, must be the centre from which all life and activity must radiate. We have not got to leave the affairs of the union to a few who find time to attend the meetings. We must function on the job and on the jobs discus working conditions and formulate our plans of action. That way lies industrial democracy, instead of craft autocracy. We will not witness, as we are doing in New York today, the presidents of International unions lining up with the bosses thand fighting the striking members of hteir union. The unions through the shop committees, formed in the shop, will be transformed into efficient fighting machines capable of withstanding every attack that may be made upon by them by the Citizens' Al-lie-ance. **So let us immediately get busy.**

## ELY STRIKE

Ely, Minn., Oct. 13, 1919.

Dear Fellow Worker:

We have a miners strike here for over two weeks. All the miners are striking and sticking together pretty good. Nearly all are lined up in the ONE BIG UNION, they are joining every day. The masters are trying every possible way to get scabs and they have succeeded in getting a few and I dont know how it's going to end out. There is a bunch of gun men watching the scabs.

Two workers have been arrested because one is a I. W. W. delegate and he was going around the mines, spreading some I. W. W. Literature. He was taken to the court and put on $250.00. His I. W. W. cards and stamps were taken after two days he was tried and his money was given back except his card and siamps. The other was also arrested because he was spreading I. W. W. papers and was find for $43.00.

I am getting the "Truth" every week and I am certainly satisfied with it.

In the "Ely Miners" it said that there were only 380 men in the parade, but it is lying, there were over 600 men and woman in each parade as the members counted.

I think I will close for this time and am hoping for Industrial Democracy.

J. K.

## COMRADE BENTALL

Comrade Bentall wishes to be remembered to all of the comrades. We trust that the comrades will remember comrade Bentall. When comrade Bentall comes out of prison he will then decide, what party to join. You can rest assured comrades that whatever party Bentall joins, that party will secure a comrade that will do more than talk.

The State Office endeavored to secure his support for the Communist Party he has decided to remain neutral until he comes out and is able to size up the position for himself.

When did YOU last write to Bentall? He receives an occasional letter from us, but we are so busy we are unable to write as often as we would like. Drop him a line:—

J. O. BENTALL,
Crow Wing County Jail,
BRAINERD, MINN.

## CHANGE FROM BOTTOM UP

Changes must come from the bottom up, not from the top down. Above all there must be a fundamental alteration ni the basis of social life, and that of such a character as will give power to the mass of the workers to regulate and control their own affairs. In a word, there must be a social revolution and not merely a change in political government.

But this demand for social revolution, i.e., the abilution of class rule, is not a mere catch-cry. It is a demand that is banked upon the slave conditions of the toilers and a consequent recognition of the class struggle.

It is idle for our Labor politicians to bury their heads in their bank-books and imagine that things would be all right with a little bit of trimming. For those who believe that, there is a rude awakening to come. The capitalist system is on the rocks. It is incapable of offering anything in the nature of economic or social security for the mass of the workers. Intuitively that is being recognised by increasing numbers of the workers who are not going to be "put off" with promises and assurances. It would be well for those who have the destinies of the labor organisations in their hands to recognise that, and face the ssue.

That issue is social revolution or industrial serfdom. No reform, pruning, or patchwork can reconcile such extremes. It is war to the death, nor shall there be social peace until the workers control their own destiny by raising the structure of a workers' republic upon the ruins of capitalist despotism. To achieve that there can be no alliances or co-operation of the classes. It can only be accomplished by the self-reliant effort of the conscious working class itself.

Scottish Socialist.

## THE CAPITALIST INTERNATIONAL

Belgian, Dutch, French, British, and Swiss interests are represented on the board of management of a company which has been founded in Antwerp to carry on rubber, oil, palm, tea, and coffee planting in the Asiatic colonies and to finance and administer existing or future plantations.

## TRADE WITH GERMANY

In order to assist British firms to establish a footing in German markets British liaison officers attached to the economic section in Allied zones have been appointed, and they will give information and assistance in trade questions to all British commercial representatives. There are liaison officers in Crefeld, Coblenz, Mainz, Ludwigshafen, and Aix-la-Chapelle.

## "RIGHTS" BULWARK AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

Writing in the Labor Leader for August 14, Ramsay MacDonald says: "Of the Third International I have no fears. It has no root. It is the creation of a revolutionary period. If it lasts it will be our fault. But I have fears of the bitter antagonisms within the Second Internationalism itself.... The whole Second International is anti-Bolshevist. It is indeed the only real bulwark against Bolshevism short of military executions. But the Bolshevist movement is not a thing that can be condemned by a formula; it can only be met by a system."

## POOR SPARGO

John Spargo, writing in the New York Times, stated that the Japanese were financing the campaign in this country for the withdrawal of troops from Russia.

The articles reminds us of that old song, "Poor John! Poor John!" Now if the Japanese are behind the withdrawal of the troops from Russia, why is it that an avowed Anti-Jap, Senator Johnson, is in favor of the withdrawal of troops from Russia and President Wilson, a pro-Jap, a la Shantung, is opposed to the withdrawal of troops from Russia?

What did William Liebknecht say? "On the grounl of the class struggle we are invincible, if we leave it we are lost." Spargo, you are lost!

**R-R-R-Revolutionary Unionism?**

Last Saturday, the members of the "Big Six", of the International Typographical Union, held a meeting in New York City and decided to take a strike vote. They are demanding a shorter week and an increase of $14.00 per week. They have rejected a $6.00 increase, but have agreed to arbitrate the question of hours, if they are given the $14.00 increase. There are seven thousand members of the "Big Six" employed in the various commercial houses of New York City.

Leon Rouse, president of the "Big Six" is opposed to arbitrating the question. At their next meeting, Rouse promises to unearth one of most monumental conspiracies. The members of the "Big Six", along with the Franklin Union, No. 23, Union No. 51 are being OPPOSED by whom? Marsden G. Scott, PRESIDENT of the International Typographical Union. Scott is now conducting the fight of the employing printers against the members of his own union. Can you beat it? Next thing we will hear of Judge Gary leading the striking steel-workers. Nothing doing. The capilist class discipline their reactionary leaders, the workingclass increase their salaries.

The New York publishers are talking of ahifting their business to Chicago. Like jumping out of the boiling kettle into the fire! When are the rank and file of the I. T. U. going to fight to make their union safe for democracy? We trust the printers of this city will stand by the "Big Six" and in passing, we suggest they drop the "Big Six" a line and encourage them in their fight against that reactionary of reactionaries—Marsden. G. Scott.

## PROSTITUTION

Duluth is astir over the fact, that in her midst live numerous women, who earn their living by engaging in that unfortunate trade known as prostitution. Prostitution is as old the hills, Lecky in dealing of the prostitute was moved to write:—

"There has arisen in society a figure which is certainly the most mournful, and in some respects the most awful, upon which the eye of the moralist can dwell. That unhappy being whose very name is shame; who counterfeits, with a cold heart, the transports of affection, and submits herself as the passive instrument of lust; who is scorned and insulted as the vilest of her sex, and doomed, for the most part, to disease and abject wretchedness and an early death..."

We recommend these words to the editor of the Duluth Rip-Saw.

In the city of Duluth we have a large factory, known as **PATRICKS.** In this factory there are employed several hundred women and they receive the handsome wage of $9.00 per week. Come along you whining Christian hypocrites and inform these girls how they can live a decent life, enjoying all the good things that are made, on $9.00 per week? No you smug hypocrites you enter church on Sunday and then sit back and bellow forth your praise to a God, whose very name you blaspheme by the deeds that you do.

You moralists! What are you going to do with these women, after you have driven them out of town? For all that you care, they can fall by the wayside and starve to death. "Thank God we are not as other women!" Yet it is you kind that peddle the lies about the nationalization of women in Russia and you sweat them at home.

It is easy for the well-fed dame of the East End to voice her protest against the presence of these women in our midst. It is one way of enjoying herself, by giving her emotions a little joy-ride. But what of the girl of the working class that finds poverty confronting her everywhere. One who has not beheld the struggle or come into contact with the struggle for life as the average girl has to, can never appreciate the feelings of the girl who is poor.

There are more kinds of prostitution than one. There is the mental prostitute that gets up in the pulpit on a Sunday morn and advises his parishioners to think about Jesus, then he winds up by advising men to fight and women to assist them in their blood-letting adventures.

There is the editor that writes lying stories about men out on strike, because he knows that the employers are the owners or the supporters of his paper.

Prostitution will never be eliminated under capitalism. It serves as a profession for some and it also serves as a safety-valve for the sweaters who call themselves "learing citizens." Prostitution will be eliminated when the working class become conscious of their power and take over the control of industry. In a word the cure for prostitution is BOLSHEVISM.

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